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DOWNING STREET CHATS

London, Yesterday.

"Welcome to London. I hope your visit will be a very successful one," said Mr. Arthur Henderson, greeting Mr. H. L. Stimson, U.S. Secretary of State, on his arrival at Paddington. Mr. Stimson thanked him cordially and introduced his co-delegates and their wives.

General Dawes and the Hon. Hugh Gibson had met the party at Plymouth, which was the first occasion that all seven delegates were together. Much interest was shown by hundreds of spectators, whom a score of luxurious motor cars with the stars and stripes fluttering from the bonnets, attracted to the station, as well as the feminine element of the party, especially the seventeen girl secretaries, chosen from 100 Government office applicants whose beauty had been hymned in American newspapers. "They are as pretty as a beauty chorus," was the general comment. Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Wedgwood Benn came specially to welcome the ladies, who included Miss Morrow, Colonel Lindbergh's sister-in-law. The whole party numbered 100.

MET BY MR. HENDERSON

London, Yesterday.

The American delegates, to the Naval Conference arrived in London and met Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord. They were cheered by a large crowd.

TALK WITH PREMIER

Within an hour of his arrival, Mr. Stimson saw Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at Downing Street. Their conversation lasted for some time.

THE ITALIANS ARRIVE

Signor Grandi and part of the Italian naval delegates arrived and were welcomed by Mr. Henderson and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, on behalf of the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

WORLD TO LISTEN-IN

When the King opens the Naval Conference on Tuesday he will address the largest audience in history. Transmitters of the British Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Beam Wireless Service, Trans-Atlantic Telephone and Continental Telephone Services will all be used to carry the Royal speech to millions of homes. From the London Station of the British Broadcasting Corporation the speech will reach France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Hungary, Austria and Czechoslovakia, relayed by telephone, Belgium and Holland will receive it from Daventry Broadcasting Station and retransmit it. Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Finland and the National Broadcasting Company of the United States will be served by a wireless relay from 6SW experimental shortwave transmitter at Chelmsford. Canada will employ the American Beam Transmission. The Columbia chain of broadcasting stations in the United States will use the Rugby Trans-Atlantic Telephone Service.

"FULL OF HOPE"

London, Yesterday. The George Washington with the American Naval Delegation aboard anchored in Plymouth Sound this morning two miles from the spot from where the ancestors of some of the delegates sailed, with the Mayflower Pilgrims. Mr. Stimson, interviewed by Reuter, said that they had had a comfortable voyage and "we are coming full of hope and with every endeavour to try and make the Conference a success."

Mr. Stimson, declining to discuss questions which may arise at the Conference, did express the hope that the delegates would be able to reach agreement on the life of existing battleships.

opening session of the Conference.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL WELCOME

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. Stimson, Secretary of State, Mr. Adams Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Morrow United States Ambassador in Mexico and Senators Robinson and Reed, United States delegates to the Naval Conference reached Plymouth this morning and were welcomed at the quayside by General Dawes, the American Ambassador to Britain who is himself one of the delegates. The Mayor and other civic dignitaries of Plymouth and Admiral Sir Hubert Brand, the Port C. in C., were also present.

Before the delegates entrained there was a short exchange of greetings during which Mr. Stimson said that he and his colleagues had come full of high hopes and earnest endeavour to make the Conference a success. All Delegates expressed keen satisfaction that the King was now sufficiently well to honour the delegations by addressing them at Tuesday's opening sitting.

STAFF OF NEARLY 100

Accompanying the American Delegates were a staff of nearly 100 experts, secretaries and typists, and it is estimated that including special Press correspondents, approximately 1,000 people are coming to London from different parts of the world in connection with the Conference proceedings.

ITALIAN & FRENCH

Members of the Italian Delegation arrive to-day and to-morrow, and French Delegates to-morrow and Sunday. All will have arrived by Monday when, in the afternoon, the chief delegates will meet at No. 10, Downing Street, to decide details of procedure and other preliminaries.

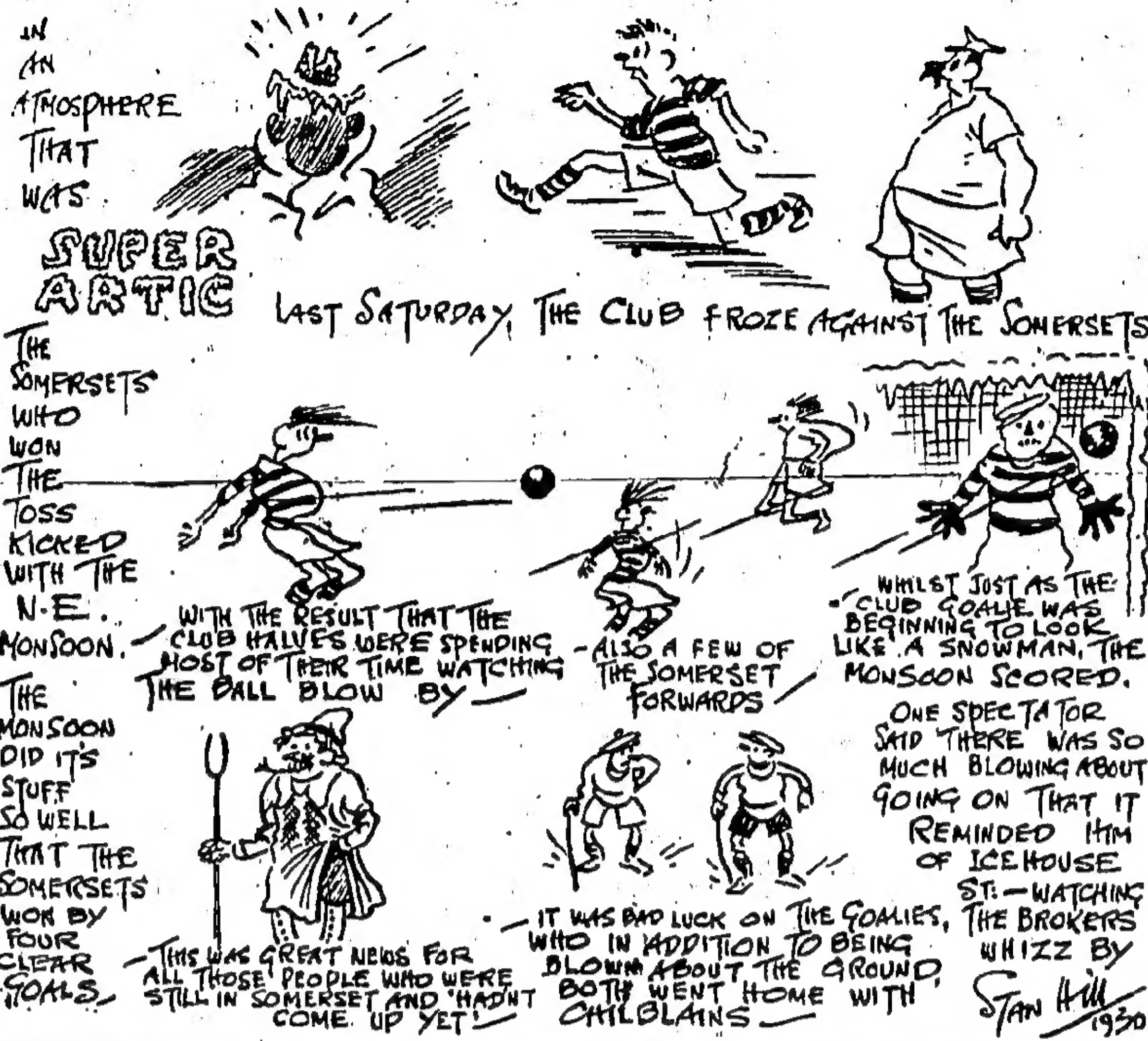
OPENING TO BE BROADCAST

At Tuesday's Plenary Session which will be broadcast from all British Broadcasting Company's stations, including the Short Wave Empire Station 6S.W., and will be relayed in about a dozen countries. The King's opening address will be followed by the speech of the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. The chief delegates of other Powers will then speak in alphabetical order. Mr. Stimson representing America, following Mr. MacDonald.

FUTURE OF BATTLESHIPS

Considerable attention will be given to the question of the future of battleships. It is expected that the delegates will reach agreement on the life of existing battleships.

"IT'S AN ILL WIND," ETC.



until the next revision of Naval Armaments in five or six years' time. They desire also to secure agreement at once that when that time comes, new battleships built to replace those which will thus be out of date—if it is still thought necessary to replace them—should be of smaller tonnage and gunpower. A proposal much to the same effect was made by the late Conservative Government at the Geneva Conference, and met with hopeful reception. Lord Bridgeman estimated that if it had been adopted it would have meant the saving of about fifty millions sterling in the period of replacement.

TIMES BENEDICTION

The London Times says, "No doubt the reductions advocated can hardly be as sweeping as both economists and an important section of naval opinion would like to see them. The British Government are rightly sensitive to the danger of bringing forward too drastic proposals which might wreck all chance of agreement. But after long years, during which through unrestricted competition the size and cost of every class of warship have soared continuously upward, an agreement to reverse the process would be a very welcome achievement.—British Wireless Service."

JAPAN AND CAPITAL SHIPS

Japan's interest in the Naval Conference is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's statement to the Press on Wednesday was cabled verbatim to Tokyo, where it was carefully studied by the Foreign Office. Mr. MacDonald's proposal for the eventual abolition of capital ships is judged to be particularly significant.

The officials spokesman of the Foreign Office said that while general Japanese opinion was hardly ready to accept the idea, it was growing a sympathetic response in a wide and influential circle. He stated that Japan was agreeable to an extension of the capital ship "holiday" until 1935, and "if within that period American and British opinion approved of capital ship abolition, the Japanese people would probably be ready to follow their lead."

It was pointed out that Japan's capital ship fleet cost a larger proportion of her national income than that of any other Power; hence the strong conservative feeling against scrapping ships for which the nation had sweated to pay.—Reuter.

AIR MAIL THEFT

Snatched By Men in Motor Car

Rugby, Yesterday. After six mail bags had been delivered at the Air Ministry to-day two of them were snatched by a man who drove off with a confederate in a motor-car. It is not thought that any document of great importance has been taken. The most important papers are not sent through the post but delivered by hand, either by officials or Government messengers.—British Wireless Service.

ALLEGED PIRACY SUSPECTS

CHARGE SHEET "A THOROUGH MIX-UP"

"SOMEONE IS RESPONSIBLE"

Three Hokkaido were produced before Mr. Justice Hamilton, at the Central Magistrate's Court, to answer charges in connection with the recent attempted piracy on board the s.s. Halching, of the Douglas Co.

The third man was wearing an overcoat and looked pale and haggard.

Referring to him, Mr. Hamilton asked: Is this the gentleman who was dying a week ago?

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor: Yes, your Worship. Magistrate: He doesn't look too well.

Then Mr. Hamilton inspected the charge sheet before him and

DRIZZE OR MISTY

To-day's weather report, issued at 10.50 a.m. by the Royal Observatory, states:—

The anti-cyclone remains in the North of the Yangtze Valley, and has increased slightly in intensity.

Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China coast and over the North China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy, with drizzle or mist.

remarked: "It is all wrong here; a thorough mix-up."

He went on to say that originally the first two men were charged with the murder of Mr. Woodward, the third officer of the ship, and now the third man had been brought in, in his absence, and charged with piracy!

Mr. Andrewes replied that he understood that all three men were to be charged in respect of the murder of Mr. Woodward; in respect of the murder of the Indian Guard, Khalil Singh; and in connection with the piracy. He had nothing to do with the charging of the men.

Mr. Hamilton replied that he couldn't help it, adding "Someone is responsible."

Another Demand. Mr. Andrewes then asked for a remand for half an hour to enable him to see Mr. T. Murphy and have the matter straightened out. He stated that all he knew was that the charge which was sent to him was that in connection with the murder of Mr. Woodward, and he sent up two other charges in connection with the murder of Khalil Singh, and the piracy.

Mr. Hamilton thought it would be better if he gave until Tuesday to have the matter straightened out, adding: "Will you be prepared to open on Wednesday morning?"

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Mr. Andrewes replied in the affirmative and said that he would have about 28 witnesses, some of whom would be very brief—only formal.

Date Fixed. His Worship fixed the hearing of the case to open at 11.15 a.m., on Wednesday and continue at 2.15 p.m., on Friday.

Mr. Andrewes: Shall I have to attend on Monday?

Mr. Hamilton: Monday or Tuesday morning, whichever suits you.

Mr. Andrewes chose Monday morning.

Mr. Hamilton then said that what he wanted was to have all the charges withdrawn and a new front sheet put in with the names of all three accused on it and all the charges set out. He could enter in his depositions that owing to errors the original front sheet was withdrawn.

Mr. Andrewes agreed to have that done.

Then, after examining the charge sheet further, Mr. Hamilton said that one of the charges would have to be withdrawn—the one in which the third accused's name appeared, charged with piracy only.

Mr. Andrewes said that he did not draw it up and did not know it was in.

Magistrate: But you are responsible.

Only Technical. After a pause, Mr. Hamilton added: "It is only technical."

The three accused were then formally remanded until 10 a.m. on Monday.

Then Mr. Andrewes repeated that he was not responsible for this state of affairs. All he knew was that Mr. Fitzroy had drafted only the charge which was put in the first place, relating to the murder of Mr. Woodward. The statements in answer to that charge were sent to him. The statements in answer to the piracy charge was not sent to him, and he never gave authority for them to be put in at all.

The Magistrate replied that it was technical, but very annoying, and asked Mr. Andrewes to go into the matter.

An Explanation.

It was explained to Pressmen by Mr. Andrewes that originally the first two men were charged with the murder of Mr. Woodward, and when the third man came out of hospital, he sent up to Mr. Murphy two other charges accusing all three men with the murder of the Indian Guard, Khalil Singh, and with piracy with violence. He could not understand how the charges got mixed up in such a way that the various men were charged with different offences separately.

INDO-CHINA FLIGHT

Colonel Weiss and Commandant Grier took off and set course for Indo-China this morning en route for Indo-China by easy stages.—Reuter.

SNOWDEN'S CAUSTIC BROADSIDES

DELEGATES SHOULD BE LOCKED UP WITHOUT FOOD OR DRINK

STUNG INTO ACTION

The Hague, Yesterday. Mr. Snowden's broadsides against German daily dallying had an immediate effect last week. He has now found another target in the Little Entente and Hungary, whom to-day were accused of nothing but talk for a fortnight. There were only two alternatives: to postpone the conference to Doomsday or lock up the delegates without food or drink until they agreed, whereupon the delegates concerned closeted themselves together, fully determined to settle non-German reparations.

The mobilisation of reparations bonds has been settled and the International Bank will float before October 31, 1930, a loan of \$300,000,000, of which the creditors will get two-thirds, and Germany the remainder. Germany undertakes to consult the International Bank before raising loans abroad, in order not to impede the issue. Further, reparations bonds in the Swedish Match Trust Loan of 500,000,000 marks, will not be placed in the international market for four years.—Reuter.

Refuse To Sign

The Hague, Yesterday. The representatives of Yugoslavia, Roumania and Czechoslovakia have refused to sign the Young Plan unless an agreement is reached with Hungary. There is still no indication if such an agreement is in sight.—Reuter.

SHOULD A WIFE HAVE LEGAL RIGHTS?

U.S. COURT UPHOLDS HER HAVING SEPARATE DOMICILE

A RECENT CASE

New York, Yesterday. The right of a wife to maintain a separate domicile from her husband was upheld in the United States Customs Court in a case where Madame Ganna Walska, an opera singer, the wife of Harold F. McCormick, resisted the efforts of Customs officers to levy duty on her jewels and other personal property, on the ground that she resided in Paris and was entitled to the exemption allowed to foreign visitors. Miss Genevieve Cline, the first woman justice appointed to any Federal Court, supports the opinion of Madame Walska that the rights of women to distinct legal entity should be recognised.—Reuter's American Service.

VICEROY GUARDED BY DETECTIVES

VISITORS CREDENTIALS RIGOROUSLY SCRUTINISED

PRESS HELD UP

Bombay, Yesterday. Police precautions in guarding Government House, where the Viceroy Lord Irwin, is staying, are elaborate. At any regular visit the grounds of the Governor's residence are swarming with detectives, who rigorously scrutinise the credentials of every visitor. Pressmen who arrived at Government House this morning to write up the visit of the Moslem deputation to the Viceroy to congratulate him on his escape from the bomb explosion, were lengthily held up, firstly at the main gate and then outside the Durbar Hall, where the Viceroy received the deputation.—Reuter.

CLASS HATRED

Newspaper Seized by the Police

Berlin, Yesterday. The police have confiscated the whole of to-day's issue of the Communist newspaper Rote Fahne on the ground that it contained articles calculated to provoke criminal acts, high treason and class hatred.—Reuter.

Germany has imposed heavy sentences on three spies for betrayal to a foreign Power of "military secrets" of civil aviation. A wireless loud-speaker has been fitted to a taxi-cab in Paris. The experiment is said to work very well.

NEW BRITISH AIR SERVICE

FLIGHTS TO IRELAND, SWEDEN AND S. AFRICA PLANNED

POWERFUL FLYING BOATS

Rugby, Yesterday.

It is understood this year's estimates of the Air Ministry will provide for an increased expenditure on civil aviation largely for flyingboat development and the subsidising of the new commercial airways. The extension of inland air lines is under contemplation. If agreement can be reached with the Irish Free State, a regular service to Belfast and Dublin will be opened. In addition, negotiations have been going on regarding the inauguration of a regular flyingboat line between Norway and Sweden and either the mouth of the Thames or some suitable port on the East Coast.

The Air Ministry, it is stated unofficially, has decided also to develop on an extensive scale large commercial flyingboats. Some of these are already on the stocks; others will be laid down, during the coming financial year. Although these new planes will be of experimental types, they will, if the trials are successful, be built in considerable numbers. They will be all-metal and most of them will be able to carry between 40 and 50 passengers. Their range will be of about 1,000 miles. One of the first to be launched will have accommodation for 50 passengers and, if the present intention of equipping it with six Napier engines is followed, it will be driven by over 4,000 horsepower. It is expected that this vessel will be tried out on the first stages of the Cairo-Cape airway, which will have been opened before the end of the year.—British Wireless Service.

R. 100'S LONG FLIGHT

Safe Return After 13½ Hours in Air

Rugby, Yesterday.

The airship R-100 which left Cardington soon after nine o'clock yesterday morning with 58 persons on board was moored at Cardington last late last night after a flight of nearly thirteen and a half hours.

During the early part of the flight speed trials were carried out which were quite successful, an estimated speed of 81.5 miles per hour being attained. For the greater part of the day the ship flew at a height of 2,000 feet above thick fog and low clouds which generally obscured the ground. Positions were obtained by wireless telegraphy when required. The main purpose of the flight was to run the ship at full speed in order to test alone. An experimental system of attachment has been adopted which, it is hoped, may have as much as four tons in weight in future ships.

High Winds Defied

High winds were encountered during the flight but the speed attained was the highest yet recorded by the airship. She returned in darkness to Cardington against a wind of forty miles an hour and although low clouds permitted only momentary glimpses of the ground the operation of locking her home on the masthead occupied only 22 minutes.—British Wireless Service.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th January, 1930.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

February 22, 24, 25 and 26
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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS are now ready and may be obtained upon application to the Secretary.
Hong Kong, January 8, 1930.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, 21st January to Tuesday, 11th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th January, 1930.

NOTICE.

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Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak Church, 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Holy Communion, 12.15 p.m.
Evangelist, 5 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. L. N. Watkins.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

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KOWLOON.

January 19, 1930.

2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
8.15 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. R. H. V. Brougham, M.A., of S. Australia.
2.45 p.m.—Sunday Schools.
6 p.m.—Evening Service and Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar.
Subject: "The League of Nations."
N.B.—Services will have special reference to the forthcoming "Five Power Naval Conference."

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S. LACK,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, January 16, 1930.

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Chulamita, from Kobe.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, January 15, 1930.

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Tai-koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (afterwards)	297
Mamand	Feet.
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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Bagdad: 1 case, 1 death.

Bombay: 46 cases, 19 deaths.
Calcutta: 34 cases, 20 deaths.

Cochin: 87 cases, 7 deaths.
Karachi: 4 cases, 2 deaths.

Madras: 23 cases, 8 deaths.
Rangoon: 5 cases, 1 death.
Samarang: 1 case, 1 death.
Shanghai: 1 death.

PLAN OF CAMPAIGN
INTERCEPTEDTANG'S TROOPS BESIEGED AND
DISARMED

HIS BROTHER MUTINIES

Hankow, Yesterday.
It was the original plan that Tang's remnants were to concentrate at Chiehchahow to be re-organized by General Yen Hsi-san, but, on January 12, the rebels around the vicinity of Yencheng, were, however, besieged and shortly afterwards completely disarmed by General Liu Shih, the Field Commander of the 2nd Route Army. The prisoners, numbering over 10,000, will be transported to Wu-Han to-morrow.

Mutineers Moved

Haichow, Yesterday.
General Shih Yu-san's troops, who mutinied at Pukow some weeks ago, have now complied with the instructions of the Central Government to move into Shantung Province, leaving Peng-pu to be stationed by the 2nd Division under General Koo Tsu-tung.

Nanking, Yesterday.
Minister T. V. Soong has decided to put the "Seven Grade Duty" into effect as from February 1, and to issue Customs Public Bonds to the amount of \$20,000,000, so as to relieve the financial crisis.

Despatch of Troops

Mr. Liu Wen-tao, the Mayor of Hankow, acting under the order of President Chiang, will proceed to interview Chairman Ho Chien of Hunan, relative to the despatch of troops to intercept the Ironside remnants, who appear to retreat into Hunan.

President Chiang wired on January 14 to General Yen Hsi-san that he had instructed the Ministry of Finance to remit to the latter the necessary military expenses of Hunan.

With the termination of military activities, President Chiang telegraphically instructed General Ho Ying-ching on January 14, to reopen the traffic on the Ping-Han Line within five days.

Rebel Surrounded

Changsha, Yesterday.
Tang Seng-ming, one of the Hunan brigadier generals, who, in sympathy with his brother Tang Seng-chi, mutinied some days ago, has now been surrounded at Peishul in Hunan by the loyal troops. Chairman Ho Chien has given instructions to various generals to exterminate Tang's rebels within ten days.

Hankow, Yesterday.
The disarmed rebels of Tang Seng-chi will be first given one month's pay and then escorted to Wu-Han area, where before their disbandment they will receive an additional pay of two months.

President Chiang does not attach great importance to the trouble in Szechuen Province, but has simply entrusted the task of settlement to Generals Liu Wen-hui and Liu Hsiang. In the meantime, however, the National forces have been transferred to garrison the upper Yangtze River.

The Kwangsi Campaign

Pressed by the National punitive armies, General Chang Fat-kuei, of the Ironsides, is likely to retreat over the Hunan border, with a view to joining the Hunan mutineers of Tang Seng-ming. In order to thwart this combination, Chairman Ho Chien of Hunan has despatched the 19th Division to advance from Cheun-chow to attack Kwelling, which forms the rebels' base, so as to envelop them. The Ironsides and Kwangsi remnants, who are now completely surrounded by the loyal forces, will be compelled either to surrender or run the risk of being destroyed.

Realizing the danger of his position, Yang Teng-hui, a Kwangsi leading General, has sent representatives to the Wuchow H.Q., asking for the re-organization of his forces. Whether or not his request be approved depends on the decision of the Central Government.

EASTERN PORTS

Details of Health
Bulletin

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended January 11, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, give the following cases:—

Plague
Bagdad: 1 case, 1 death.
Rangoon: 2 cases, 2 deaths.

Cholera
Calcutta: 45 cases, 28 deaths.
Tatcorint: 1 case, 1 death.
Bagkok: 8 cases.

From Fench: 1 case, 1 death.
Small-pox
Berbera: 2 cases, 1 death.

Bagdad: 1 case, 1 death.
Bombay: 46 cases, 19 deaths.

Calcutta: 34 cases, 20 deaths.
Cochin: 87 cases, 7 deaths.

Karachi: 4 cases, 2 deaths.
Madras: 23 cases, 8 deaths.
Rangoon: 5 cases, 1 death.
Samarang: 1 case, 1 death.
Shanghai: 1 death.

RUSSIA'S "REIGN OF
TERROR"M. KERENSKY ON THE
EXECUTIONS

PLIGHT OF THE PEASANTS

M. Alexander Kerensky, who for the past five years has been editing a Russian newspaper in Paris, is on a visit to London for the purpose of awakening public interest in what he describes as the present "Reign of Terror" prevailing in Russia. He has come as the spokesman of the Russian Socialists and Democrats, and complains that the politicians in Britain are so pre-occupied with the question of recognition that they are giving no attention to that of the number of executions which are being carried out all over Russia, at the rate of over five daily.

"Very little about these executions appears in the Russian Press," said M. Kerensky, in a special interview with a representative of The Observer, "but, according to the official Bolshevik newspapers, between October 1 and November 15 no fewer than 225 people of both sexes were put to death in various parts of Russia. The bulk of the victims were peasants, who were executed for opposing the Bolshevik policy of forcibly taking their wheat and paying them only one-tenth of its market value. The victims also included women and priests and five professors, members of the Military Academy. The majority were executed by order of the 'Gpu,' or political police, without any trial at all.

"Some idea of the state of the peasantry, continued M. Kerensky, 'may be gained from the fact that when the German peasants went to their Consul in Moscow, and asked to be sent out of the country, a number of Russian peasants also besieged the Consul, and prayed him to do something for them. He told them he was unable to do anything, as they were not Germans. Executions have been going on for the last four or five years, but during the past six or seven months the number has been enormously increased—since, in fact, Stalin gave up the New Economic Policy, and went back to the policy of military Communism that existed in Russia between 1919 and 1921. This policy, however, is now known as the Socialist constructive policy, to be carried out in the coming five years.

"I have been surprised to find that these facts do not seem to make any impression on the leading members of the Labour Party here. I explain it by the fact that the main interest in Britain seems to be centred on the question of recognition. I think the opinion of the representatives of the Russian Anti-Bolshevik Democracy should be made known in this country. While the attention of the British public is directed to the question of recognition, which is a formality that is inevitable, it is diverted from other matters that are vital to the interests of Russia. The Observer has always fought for the renewal of diplomatic relations, and I think it is the right policy; although the reasons for the resumption may be different from the British and Russian standpoints. What, however, is far more important from our point of view is that the people of Britain should realise what is actually taking place in Russia at the present time, which is more vital than the question of recognition. In Continental Europe, where the attention of representatives of Conservative and Labour opinions is not diverted by the question of recognition, one is always able to influence the leaders of both factions for the purpose of using moral intervention to prevent what is now taking place in Russia."

"THE VALLEY OF THE MOON"

An unusual prize, consisting of a trip to "The Valley of the Moon" was recently offered by the Danish publishers of Jack London's books, for an essay on that author and his appeal to the Danish public. The prize was won by Peter Tutein, a young Danish author, and Mrs. Charmian London, who was travelling in Europe, has been persuaded by the publishing firm to make the official award, and she arrived in Copenhagen for that purpose.

It is believed that Jack London's books enjoy a greater popularity in Denmark than in any other country of Continental Europe. "The Valley of the Moon" was published in 1918.

NEW FOREST SCHEME

Canton, Yesterday.

Following the completion of its scheme for forest sites in Lofan, Takling, Tingyao, etc., the Bureau of Forestry intends to despatch a surveying corps to the West River to map out suitable sites for new forests.

"DIVINE COMEDY"

Mussolini's Favourite
Passage

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WAR VICTIMS
Relief Work For North
& West River Areas

Canton, Yesterday.
In view of the damages done to the North and West River areas, due to the recent war activities, the Kwangtung Provincial Government has instructed the local Relief Association to set forth immediately for the above districts to give assistance to the war victims. The total loss in property is estimated at \$190,000. Upon receipt of above instructions, the officers in charge of the Association held a meeting on January 14, with the result that \$190,000 was authorized for relief work in the foregoing areas.

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
CEYLON MARU	Wednesday, 20th January.
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HAWAII MARU	Tuesday, 25th February.
SHANGHAI-Via Singapore & Colombo.	
SHUNKO MARU	Sunday, 19th January.
HONOLULU MARU	Monday, 3rd February.
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CHICAGO MARU	Friday, 7th February.
CUTTACK-Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
BORNEO MARU	Saturday, 18th January.
SEATTLE MARU	Saturday, 1st February.
FOKIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER-Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	
AFRICA MARU (From Shanghai)	Sunday, 2nd February.
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PIRACIES AND WRECKS

Review of Shipping on China Coast For 1929

SEA'S HEAVY TOLL

Twelve Steamers and One Man-of-War Sunk

PRINCIPAL ACCIDENTS

Thirteen large vessels, all regular visitors to the Port of Shanghai, went to the bottom during the past year. With the exception of the Chinese str. Yuen Lee which sank in the Garden Bend and the C.N.S. Tungting which sank in the Yangtze just below Hankow, all were wrecked or foundered at sea. Included in this total is the Italian destroyer Muggia which ran on to Finger Rock near Foochow and was abandoned. The first big disaster of the year occurred on January 13 when the China Merchants str. Hsin Wah sank near Waglan Island after striking a rock.

THE HAICHING PIRACY

There were five major piracies and many minor ones. The outstanding piracy of the year was that perpetrated on the Douglas str. Haiching when the pirates set fire to the ship after their attack had been repulsed by the captain, officers, engineers, and Indian guard.

Perhaps the worst disaster of the year was the sinking of the China Merchants str. Hsin Wah referred to above. The vessel struck a rock at night in terrible weather and many passengers were drowned in the icy waters.

An Outstanding Event

The outstanding event of the year in shipping was the saving of the C.N.S. Fengtien whilst on a voyage from Tientsin to Shanghai. The vessel left Tongku on December 12, and encountered mountainous seas and a blinding snow storm. She was driven far off her course, the propeller shaft was broken and repaired by the engineers whilst the ship was pitching and rolling to an alarming extent, and after battling the elements for 132 hours, the vessel arrived in Chefoo harbour. The normal run is 18 hours. The greatest heroism was displayed by captain, officers, engineers, and crew and the story of the terrible voyage has been told and retold many many times. The ship arrived in Shanghai on December 21 and a full account of the trip is given in the North-China Sunday News dated December 22.

There is one matter which might be mentioned and that is the lack of accidents in the Tientsin district. This is, of course, due to the fact that the river has been closed during the greater part of the year and also that there has not been the usual volume of trade from inland points.

Some Surprising Statistics

During the year under review nearly 1,000 wrecks, and or shipping accidents and casualties have occurred either at sea off the China coast, in the rivers, or in the harbours.

In the Yangtze estuary, approaches to Shanghai, and in the harbour itself, something approaching 300 shipping accidents—large and small—have taken place during the year. This total cannot be said to be abnormal but it will be remembered that during the first months of the year—March in particular—collisions and accidents involving ocean liners and the larger steamers entering and leaving the port were involved were more in evidence than in previous years. In one case, four ships were in collision in one day.

As has been stated the figures are not abnormal when one considers the vast amount of shipping which enters and clears the port of Shanghai.

A conservative estimate of the tonnage of vessels using this port in the course of the year is as follows:

	Tonnage
Ocean steamers	12,000 30,000,000
River steamers	5,000 7,000,000
Other craft	6,000

Cargo Boat Collisions

The files show that there were many accidents with loss of life in which cargo boats, stone and brick boats, and various native craft were involved. These unfortunate occurrences were in most cases undoubtedly due to the inability of loadahs to judge the distance and speed of oncoming steamers and, also, it must be said, to their apparent disregard of the rules of the river. These accidents were almost all of the "running down" type. For instance a steamer would be leaving port with a strong tide running with her and accordingly not able to reduce her "way" as quickly as she would ordinarily be able. A cargo boat would be seen attempting to cross the river. Warning blasts would be sounded by the steamer. These would be disregarded by the cargo boat loadah except that he would induce his men to "yuloh" for all they were worth. Too late the loadah would find that he had misjudged the distance and speed of the oncoming vessel with the result that a relentless and towering bow crashed into his craft cutting it in

two and throwing all hands in the river. To enable boats to be lowered, difficult manoeuvres had to be accomplished on the part of those in charge of the steamer—often endangering other shipping in the vicinity. Later, those picked up had to be put down somewhere with more loss of time to the steamer and more danger. And all this unnecessary trouble caused through an incompetent loadah who might easily have waited until the larger and engine-propelled vessel had passed. Many such accidents occurred during the year and the records are full with such occurrences.

The Piracies

We will deal first with the piracies which are set out in detail as follows:

On September 12, the Norwegian str. Botnia was boarded by pirates at Haichow. Capt. Haarland (64 years of age) and Mr. H. Westerheim, the chief officer, were taken prisoners and held for ransom. They were forced to walk many miles over rough country but eventually escaped after fearful treatment. They were threatened and beaten and the pirates mentioned a sum of \$500,000 as ransom money.

On September 21, the O.S.K. str. Deli Maru was pirated whilst on a voyage to Swatow from Hong Kong and taken to Bias Bay. The pirates were led by a woman. Many passengers were wounded and several were taken for ransom. H.M.S. Sandwich sent a party of blue-jackets on board and escorted the vessel to Hong Kong.

On October 17, the L.C.S. Kiawo was boarded by pirates in the guise of passengers whilst on a voyage between Chungking and Foochow Soochuan. The foreign officers were robbed of money and valuables to the value of \$3,000 and passengers losses were estimated at \$5,000. The leader and another pirate were subsequently apprehended and identified by the foreign officers. On November 6, the C.M.S. Kwangchi was pirated and the ship was placed under the orders of the pirate leader. He used the ship to take his band to a small town called Shihpu and the pirates there raided and robbed the Bureau of Public Safety. They also robbed the passengers and held some for ransom.

The Haiching

On December 8 occurred the piracy of the Douglas str. Haiching. This was a terrible affair and Mr. K. F. Woodward, the third officer, was shot dead and Mr. R. Perry, the chief officer, was seriously wounded. Many passengers lost their lives. The attack was frustrated by the determined resistance of the captain, officers, engineers, and crew was brought to the notice of H. M. King George and their names were included in the New Year's Honours List. Capt. O. H. Farrar and Mr. Robert Perry, the chief officer, were made Officers of the Order of the British Empire. Mr. F. C. Duxon, the chief engineer, and Mr. A. F. Johnson, the second officer, were made members of the order of the British Empire. Mr. A. de Mello, the third engineer, was awarded the honourary M.B.E. He is Portuguese. The awards are worded "For personal bravery in frustrating the attempted piracy of the Douglas Shipping Company's str. Haiching early in December."

Other Reported Piracies

January 8. The Chinese steam-launch Lifai was pirated and taken to Chu Yu and released after \$60,000 worth of money and valuables had been removed. Over 30 passengers were held for ransom. The piracy occurred in the Wenchow district.

May 8. The same launch was pirated again near Chang Tiao Tso. The vessel was taken to a spot off Ta Yu and used to attack a large junk which resisted. After the

pirate leader had been killed and three others wounded, the attack was abandoned, the pirates returning to Ta Yu where they released the launch.

April 4. The Chinese tugs Wen-kai and Lientung with lighters in tow in the Hankow district were pirated. The compradore was kidnapped and held for ransom and all the money and valuables on board were taken by the pirate band. Customs documents were destroyed.

April 19. The Japanese str. Fouling Maru was fired on by troops one mile below Shasi. The Japanese chief engineer, a naval officer, and a Chinese sailor were killed. The Chinese boatswain and four Japanese soldiers were wounded by rifle and shell fire.

August 18. The Chinese str. Shenglee struck a rock off the south coast of Sand Island in the Haitian Straits. She became a total loss. Pirates boarded her and after ransacking the vessel took the captain and officers and held them for ransom.

May 13. The Chinese m.v. Man-sang was bombarded at the junction of the north and west rivers. The vessel was carrying Kuangsi soldiers and after they had been landed the vessel was bombarded by a Kuangtung gunboat and burnt to the water's edge.

Many other minor piracies occurred during the year at various points off the coast in which junks and launches were the unfortunate victims. Many lives were lost and much cargo was stolen or destroyed.

The Unlucky Thirteen

Details of the steamers sunk are as follows:-

January 15. The China Merchants str. Hsin Wah sank near Waglan Island after striking a rock. There was great loss of life.

January 20. The Chinese str. Hengchong sank 15 miles N.W. of Shawshean lighthouse. Over 50 lives were lost.

February 17. The Chinese str. Pingfu struck a rock, sank, and later was blown up at a spot about 32 miles above Ichang.

March 12. The Norddeutscher Lloyd str. Giessen struck Button Rock and later broke in two. No lives were lost and the bulk of the cargo subsequently was salvaged. Included in the salvage was a telegraph cable weighing 350 tons—16 nautical miles in length—and valued at \$12,000.

March 25. The Chinese Government patrol trawler Fu Hai foundered near Kluton Beacon.

March 25. The Italian destroyer Muggia ran on to Finger Rock near Foochow and was abandoned. All officers and ratings were taken off.

March 27. The Chinese str. Kangtai collided with the Italian man-of-war Libia near the Quarantine Buoy off Woosung and sank. Over 60 lives were lost.

March 30. The C.N.S. Tungting struck an uncharted rock off the Low Point in the vicinity of Spit Hill just below Hankow and sank in 39 ft.

July 21. The C.M.S. Hainkong collided with the N.Y.K. Tatsuna Maru near the N.E. Promontory in the vicinity of Weihaiwei. The collision occurred in a fog and the Hainkong sank immediately in 25 fathoms.

August 6. The Chinese str. Hong-on sank in a typhoon near the N.E. point of Hainan Island. Many lives were lost.

August 8. The Ching Kee str. Sheng Lee sank in a typhoon near Hainan Island with all hands.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 10	July 13	July 15	July 17	July 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 23	July 26	July 29	July 31	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 22
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Oct. 3
EMPRESS OF JAPAN	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 17
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Nov. 1
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TAKAWA	7,938	30th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MACEDONIA	11,120	31st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,858	4th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	10th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	15,019	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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PIRACIES AND WRECKS

(Continued from Page 4.)

October 20. The Chinese str. Yuen Lee sank in the Garden Bridge bend after colliding with the Japanese str. Taitan Maru. The wreck was a menace to shipping until the funnel and masts were removed by explosives.

November 15. The Chinese str. Yung Kia was wrecked at Dah An off Dah Yang-san in the vicinity of Wenchow.

Collisions and Accidents

January
The first big accident occurred on January 13. The str. City of Bedford bent after colliding with the Kiutoon light vessel and then with the m.v. Glenogle. Much damage was sustained by all three vessels.

On January 20, the Chinese str. Hengchong foundered near Shawel-shan light house. A strong gale was blowing at the time and the vessel went to the bottom. Over 50 lives were lost.

Then on January 24, we find that the U.S. Transport Henderson was in trouble on three occasions. Entering the port the vessel was in collision with the Chinese str. Hwahpang near Tungkwong buoy inflicting slight damage to the smaller vessel. In the lower part of the harbour, the Henderson fouled the anchor chains of a large lighter. This occurred through the Henderson dropping her anchor and the lighter's anchor chain was broken. Later, in the upper section of the harbour, the transport attempted to swing and in so doing struck a large cargo boat with her stern and the boat sank with loss of life. All cargo was lost.

January 29 saw another three steamer collision. The British str. Yunnan fouled the buoy to which the Chinese str. Kiangyung was secured, set the vessel adrift and she swung round to crash into the str. Toonan inflicting considerable damage. This occurred in section, 2 of the harbour.

February
On February 6, larger craft were involved. The German str. Haveland was leaving port at high speed and the suction thus occasioned caused the P. & O. S. Macedonia's mooring wires to break and the latter vessel swung round into the stream. She was quickly secured and little or no damage resulted. Cotton caught on fire in the No. 2 hold of the str. Hailchow on February 22 but was extinguished within a few hours with little damage to the vessel.

March
On March 3, the P. & O. S. Mirzapore was found to be on fire in section 9 of the harbour. Investigations showed that cotton was well alight in Nos. 2 and 3 holds. This was a very serious fire and it was not until the two holds had been completely flooded that the fire was extinguished. All fire floats situated in extinguishing the fire and were on duty for some 30 hours. Considerable damage was occasioned.

In the upper part of the harbour on March 11, the French str. Commandant H. Riviere grounded and was refloated. Later in the day she collided with the C.N.S. Wanhien and the str. Kanlu. Much damage was occasioned to the latter vessels.

The Kanlu Disaster
On March 27 occurred one of the greatest disasters of the year when the Chinese str. Kanlu was carried by the current on to the ram of the Italian man-of-war Libia at a spot about one mile off Woosung Spit. She sank within a few minutes and over 50 lives were lost. The Libia was at anchor waiting to receive survivors from the Italian destroyer Muggia which was wrecked off Heachow Island near Foochow a few days before. A feature of the disaster was the excellent and fearless work of the Italian sailors who saved many lives by diving into the icy waters and assisting passengers and crew to safety.

April
The Cunard liner Franconia, palatial round-the-world cruiser, was subjected to the vagaries of the notorious Whangpoo currents with disastrous results to her majestic self and to all shipping in her immediate vicinity on April 10. Attempting to leave her berth at the China Merchants Lower Wharf at 9 a.m., the vessel's stern swung

round and the propellers fouled a buoy in mid stream and sank it. Mooring chains belonging to the Italian cruiser Libia and to the Japanese str. Shunten Maru were attached to this buoy and they, of course, parted. The latter vessel swung round to foul another buoy and the Libia swung round just to clear a vessel which was proceeding to sea. Intensive work on the part of the pilot and crew of the Franconia and the Dock company (who supplied divers and gear) enabled the liner's propellers to be cleared of the mooring chains at 5 p.m. on the same day and she left at 10 a.m. on the following day to continue her task of transporting tourists round the world. A feature of this accident was the excellent work of the pilot, Capt. S. P. Jorgensen, in the face of innumerable difficulties.

On April 14, the Chinese str. was stranded at Woosung. The vessels struck the wreck of the str. Kangtai (above referred to) and then went aground on the end of the Woosung training wall being badly holed. She was refloated on April 21 and brought to the International Dock for repairs. The Norwegian str. Vale grounded in the river on April 25. The vessel was carried off her course by the strong tide and crashed into the Peking Road jetty and grounded. The pontoon was badly damaged and a large lighter was crushed between the vessel and the Bund. The steamer was refloated some hours later and sustained little damage.

May
On May 12, a Japanese lighter owned by the Tokyo Salvage Co., capsized and sank in a heavy sea whilst engaged on salvage work in connection with the wreck of the N.D.L. str. Giessen which struck the Button Rock on the night of March. Much cargo was lost but the salvage crew were picked up.

The N.D.L. str. Trave and the Lloyd Trieste str. Venezia were in collision in the Astrea Channel in the river on May 29. The German steamer's stem suffered considerable damage and the Venezia had a hole cut through her side amidships above the water line. A feature of this accident was that the Trave had only left drydock some five hours previous to the collision, she having been damaged through being aground in the Yangtze three weeks before. Further, but for the sloping bow of the Trave—similar to Blue Funnel ships—the Venezia would have been holed below the water line and most probably would have sunk in the fairway.

The dawn of May 31 saw a serious fire in the American m.v. Chi Ta which was moored in the upper harbour alongside another upper river steamer called the Chi Nan. The fire quickly spread to the Chi Nan and the upper structures of both vessels were considerably damaged.

June
Another serious fire at sea was discovered in the C.N.S. Shantung on June 5. The vessel was near Sheep Island outward bound. The fire was found to be in No. 2 hold in which was cotton and tobacco. The vessel turned round and hurried to Shanghai; meanwhile the crew fought the flames as best they could. Arriving at Pootung Wharf, the fire floats were engaged for two days in extinguishing the outbreak and much damage was done.

On June 5, the U. S. S. Luzon grounded on the Woosung breakwater and was very seriously holed. It was not until June 12 that the man-of-war was released and to effect this, part of the breakwater had to be removed. She came up the river to the Kiangnan Dock and was repaired in dry dock.

On the same day, the German str. Kersten Miles and the Danish str. Tai Yang were in collision near Tungsha light vessel in the entrance to the Yangtze. A heavy fog was present at the time of the accident. Serious damage was occasioned to both vessels and they proceeded to Shanghai and entered dry dock.

The next day, the Chinese str. Kwai Lee collided with a large and heavily laden cargo boat in the

harbour. The cargo boat was much damaged and eventually beached but not before all the cargo was lost. The loss sustained was considerable.

On June 20, the str. Illingworth was carried by the wind and tide and collided with the Japanese str. Feng Yang Maru at the N.Y.K. Wharf. Considerable damage was done to the latter steamer's super structures and to the wharf.

July
There was nothing of very great importance during July and the outstanding accident saw a collision between the American man-of-war Stewart and a loaded cargo boat. This occurred on July 21. The cargo boat was capsized as a result of the impact and all of the crew were thrown into the river. Smart and meritorious work on the part of the American sailors resulted in all the crew of the native boat being rescued.

August
At 7 a.m. on August 3, H.M.S. Cornwall was in collision with the German str. Scheer just outside Woosung. The man-of-war was inward bound and the merchant steamer was putting to sea. The latter sustained considerable damage and returned to port for repairs.

On the same day the Dutch str. Alderamin was trying her engines whilst berthed at the China Merchants Central Wharf preparatory to leaving port. A Chinese cargo boat got in the way of the moving propellers and was cut in two. The cargo boat was loaded with 10,000 tiles and all were lost.

On August 23, the Dollar liner Pres. Pierce, swinging at the Dollar Wharf in the upper harbour crashed into the Chinese patrol cruisers Che Tee and Ching Yun. The accident was caused through the liner's anchor dragging but not a great deal of damage was done to the Chinese men-of-war. There was nothing outstanding during September.

October
A most serious collision occurred in the Garden bend on October 20 as a result of which the Chinese str. Yuen Lee was sunk in a spot situated about 300 ft. from the south end of the Bund garden in about 60 ft. Reports were to the

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HONG KONG TIDE

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doherty during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

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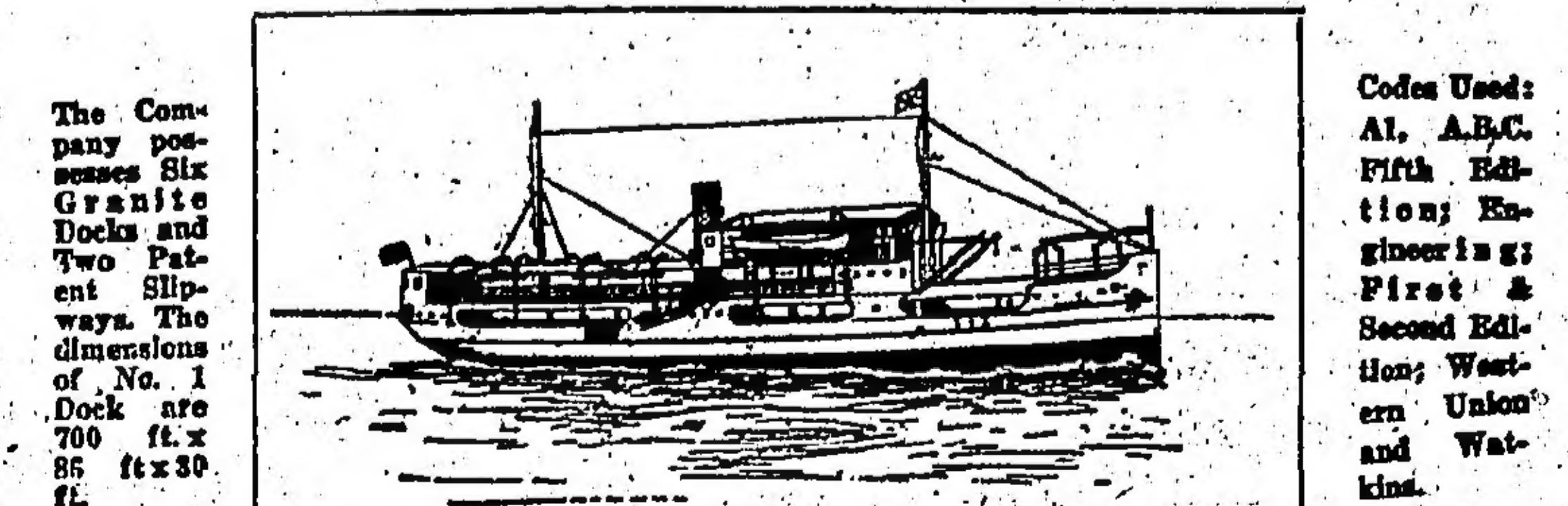
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DATE	HIGH WATER		LOWER WATER	
January	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Sat. 18	1 17 a	4.3	m 6 14	0.5
Sun. 19	1 17 a	4.3	5 12 a	3.0
Mon. 20	1 17 a	4.3	6 9 a	2.8
Tues. 21	1 17 a	4.3	7 12 a	2.4
Wed. 22	1 17 a	4.3	8 38 a	2.4
Thurs. 23	1 17 a	4.3	9 53 a	2.2
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STILL WATERS

New desks, count-
ers and other fur-
niture have been
installed in the top
floor of that dilapidated building
known as Beaconsfield Arcade,
opposite the City Hall, and Gov-
ernment clerks are now being
trained to do the work required
for maintaining statistics of the
Colony's trade. Some of those in
the Subordinate Staff who were
in the Exports and Imports De-
partment until the "permit"
branch was closed, following the
retrenchment policy in 1926 en-
gendered by the crisis of 1925,
have been transferred back to
their old duties. Others are be-
ing initiated. So soon as the
authorities are ready, manifests
and permits will pour in and out
of the Statistical Office as before.
It was announced recently that
the Executive had decided to re-
store the office, but there has
been a little delay. In any event,
Beaconsfield Arcade, which the
Government desired to demolish
some years ago, has come in use-
ful.

In due course
Headquarters the headquar-
ters of the
Statistical Office
will be in Kowloon, in proximity
to the wharves and ocean-going
steamers, with a branch in Hong
Kong. Mr. W. Schofield, who has
been appointed Assistant Super-
intendent of Imports and Exports,
is in charge of the statistical side
which, it is understood, will in
time become a separate Depart-
ment.

A local resident,
The Colony who appears to
and a to be a much-
Cabaret travelled man,
inflicts the fol-
lowing upon us with the pert
request to give it prominence in
this column:—"I have read your
article and the subsequent cor-
respondence for and against a
cabaret in the Colony. You right-
ly commented on the dull life one
has to lead in Hong Kong, but,
quite wrongly, suggested that a
cabaret should be started so as to
provide entertainment for the
people of Hong Kong. Those who
have written in support appar-
ently know little or nothing about
cabaret life in the East—they
may have had before them a pic-
ture of a cabaret in Britain. They
did not stop to think whether
the same standard could be
possible in Hong Kong. We are
leading a very dull life in Hong
Kong, that is true, but would it
not be worse if we have cabarets
here just as they have in Shang-
hai? Supposing a cabaret were
allowed by the authorities, can
those who are in favour of the
scheme suggest how we are going
to get British and American girls
to serve as dancing partners?
Without dancing partners pro-
vided it could not be called a
cabaret. I am sure no self-
respectable British and American
girls would take up employment
of this kind. We will then have
to resort to importing a contin-
gent of Russian girls from
Shanghai or Harbin to be our en-
tertainers. Not that I wish to
speak disparagingly of Russian
girls. There are good and bad in
every community, but decent
Russian girls will simply taboo
a life in a cabaret. For the sake
of argument, some may say that
we could get Portuguese girls to
act as paid dancing partners.
This was tried out in Shanghai.
Even Japanese and Chinese girls
have been employed, and some
cabarets, for reason of economy,
are still employing a number of
these, but experience shows that
they are no better than Russian.

"Now a word
Cabaret Life about cabaret
life. I have
been to every cabaret in Shang-
hai, Tientsin, and Peking and
quite a few in Seattle. Behind
the scenes there is a sordid and
pathetic story to be told in every
cabaret. The paid dancing part-
ners whom we admire and flatter
in their power and paint are
giving their life vitality, and
even their soul in order to pro-
vide us with transient pleasures.
They are human beings like the

best of us, and the human frame
simply will not and cannot stand
the strain of a cabaret. They
have always to appear before us
with a glad smile, and no matter
how tired they may be, or what-
ever family trouble may be
weighing on their minds, they
simply must dance with us if we
so desire. To disappoint a pa-
tron would mean their instant
dismissal. Therefore, there is
nothing surprising that many
of these girls are addicted to tak-
ing cocaine—snow-birds they
call themselves. A pinch of
this drug snuffed up their nose
gives them renewed vitality and
energy to carry on with their
work of make-believe. Couple
this with the strenuous life they
lead, it amounts to burning the
human candle from both ends.
This is one side of the picture
behind the scene.

"There are many
Other Sides more sides which
would fill
columns to relate—petty
jealousy, placing themselves in
the clutches of money-lenders,
who ask nothing less than 50 per
cent. interest, in order to get
money to dress themselves to
please the patrons. And there
are other factors, sad but un-
printable, that these unfortunate
girls have to contend with in a
cabaret. Are we, therefore, in-
human enough to ask for a
cabaret? Are the few dollars we
spend so mightily big that we
must insist on this form of en-
tertainment to be provided for us
at the expense of the unfortunate
girls' health and moral being?
Dull the Colony certainly is,
but the remedy is not in a
cabaret. The controversy
seems to be rapidly moving out
of "Still Waters!"

News in Brief

Amoy has declared Hong Kong
to be an infected port on account
of smallpox.

The name of Dr. E. W. Kirk,
M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S., has been added
to the register of medical practi-
tioners.

The China Mail was informed at
11.15 a.m. to-day that the Rev. F. C.
Young's condition has "slightly
improved with no delirium."

The China Mail has received from
Messrs. Thorsen & Co., Limited,
a number of pretty Chinese
calendars issued by the China Steam
Line.

His Excellency the Governor has
under instructions from the Secre-
tary of State for the Colonies, been
pleased to recognise, Senor Don
Gustavo Ludders de Negri, Mexican
Consul-General in London, as being
in addition Mexican Consul-General
for Hong Kong.

HOW DO WE CATCH COLDS?

BY MAURICE LANE-NORCOTT

MANY people are very busy just
now, worrying their heads
about the colds, they are going
to catch in them. They
are hastening from chemist to
chemist for eucalyptus, and moth-
balls, and other so-called germ-
defying substances.

Yet how many of these people
consider their "colds" scientifically?
How many pause in the street or
while jumping on to a bus to ask
themselves the important ques-
tion: "Do germs really give me
these painful head colds or are they
attributable to more natural
causes?"

For example, take eucalyptus.
It is absurd to suppose that

It is notified that Commander
Joseph Bernard Newill, D.S.O.,
R.N. (Retired), resumed duty as
Deputy Harbour Master on January
3, 1930.

His Excellency the Governor has
re-appointed Dr. Edward Wilfred
Kirk to be a Member of Midwives
Board for a term of three years,
with effect from January 9.

The total output of the Kailan
Mining Administration's mines for
the week ended January 4, amounted
to 70,378 tons, and the sales during
the period to 93,842 tons.

On enquiry this morning at the
French Hospital, the *China Mail*
learned that Mr. K. E. Greig
(Manager of the Talkoo Dockyard)
is "getting on much better to-day."

RECEPTION TO GOVERNOR

In connection with the advertise-
ment, which appears in another
column, we are requested to
state that all residents who desire
to be hosts on that occasion can do
so by obtaining tickets in the
manner stated in the advertisement.

Apart from His Excellency the
Governor and his staff and Lady
Clementi, the only guests will be
the foreign Consuls.

It may be added that it was His
Excellency's wish that the recep-
tion, in the course of which
addresses will be delivered should
be held on the H.K. Cricket Club
ground rather than in the Theatre
Royal so as to give him the oppor-
tunity of moving about freely
among and conversing with those
present.

ABOLITION OF LIKIN

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Government has mandated,
beginning October 10, this year,
that all likin and similar ir-
regular forms of taxation all
over the country be abolished.—
Reuter.

Mr. J. F. Betts, a broker of St.
Louis, who is said to have lost
heavily in the recent Wall Street
collapse, was found poisoned.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

A Playful King: Be-ru-Competition: Miss Ellen Wilkinson: The C.E.R. Railway: Japan and Extrality

King of Denmark

The King of Denmark, who has
been staying at Sandringham,
enjoys almost as much popularity
outside his country as within.
There is something extraordi-
narily winning about his personal-
ity. Like most tall men, he is
very good-humoured and kindly,
though his fine, strong face gen-
erally wears a look of gravity.

In France they call him "The
biggest King of the smallest
Kingdom," and at least one
small boy at Cannes had
reason to be grateful that he is.
The boy's balloon had got lodg-
ed in the branches of a tall tree.
Seeing the King approach he
measured him with a look up
and down and then appealed to
him to retrieve the toy. The
King smiled and, lifting his
walking-stick promptly dislodged
the balloon.

His Majesty's tastes are as
simple as his character. He en-
joys nothing so much as taking
a holiday in absolute privacy.
An excellent linguist, he has
been known to speak five lan-
guages in as many minutes.

Ruhr Coal for Berlin Market
MILCH, as the consumers like it,
the German authorities have
never taken kindly to the successful

Woman M.P.'s Next Book

MISS Ellen Wilkinson, the Social-
ist M.P. for Middlesbrough, has
not yet made a start on the second
book which she has contracted to
write.

A Parliamentary private secre-
tary to Mr. Basil Lawrence, the
Under-Secretary for Health, Miss
Wilkinson finds that she has little
time free to devote to writing.

The theme which she has in mind
though this cannot be taken as final,
is the life of the country's women
during the war. She observed, very
truly, that during the "Booby" and
plays have never been written about
the war nearly all of which deal
more or less exclusively with men.
Since certainly there has been no
recent period in which so complete
a picture of the women of the
land of men and women alike
Wilkinson thinks that the subject, as
she sees it, would be suitable for
her next literary effort.

The C.E.R. Dispute

AFTER the settlement of the Sino-
Russian dispute over the C.E.R.,
Russia cancelled her order forbidding
Chinese to enter Russia. Beginning
from January 1, according to the
Chinese Press, passengers may leave
Shanghai directly for Vladivostok, but
must obtain passports from the local
German Consulate before departure.
The Russian Government will, from
March, increase its ships on the
Shanghai-Vladivostok line and Nor-
wegian and Chinese merchantmen will
be chartered for the purpose. As to
the tea trade, already two consignments
of large quantities of China tea have
been shipped to Russia since the settle-
ment of the dispute, and more will
go to Vladivostok in the immediate
future.

Japan and Extrality

WITH reference to the Chinese Gov-
ernment's mandate for the aboli-
tion of extraterritoriality, the "Shin-
wanpo" says that Japan, though her
treaty with China has already expired,
insists that the old treaty remains in
force until the new one is concluded,
and is very dissatisfied with China's
mandate, abolishing extraterritorial
privileges on January 1, 1930. The
Journal further says that the local
Japanese authorities, in an informal
conversation have indicated that
though Japan will take joint
action with Britain and Amer-
ica, in this respect, the Japanese
mandate should be made regarding the
protection of Japanese treaty rights in
China before the new Sino-Japanese
treaty is concluded. The Journal says
that the Japanese Government will
shortly brook a statement to the
Government's mandate issued on New
Year's Day for the abolition of extra-
territoriality.

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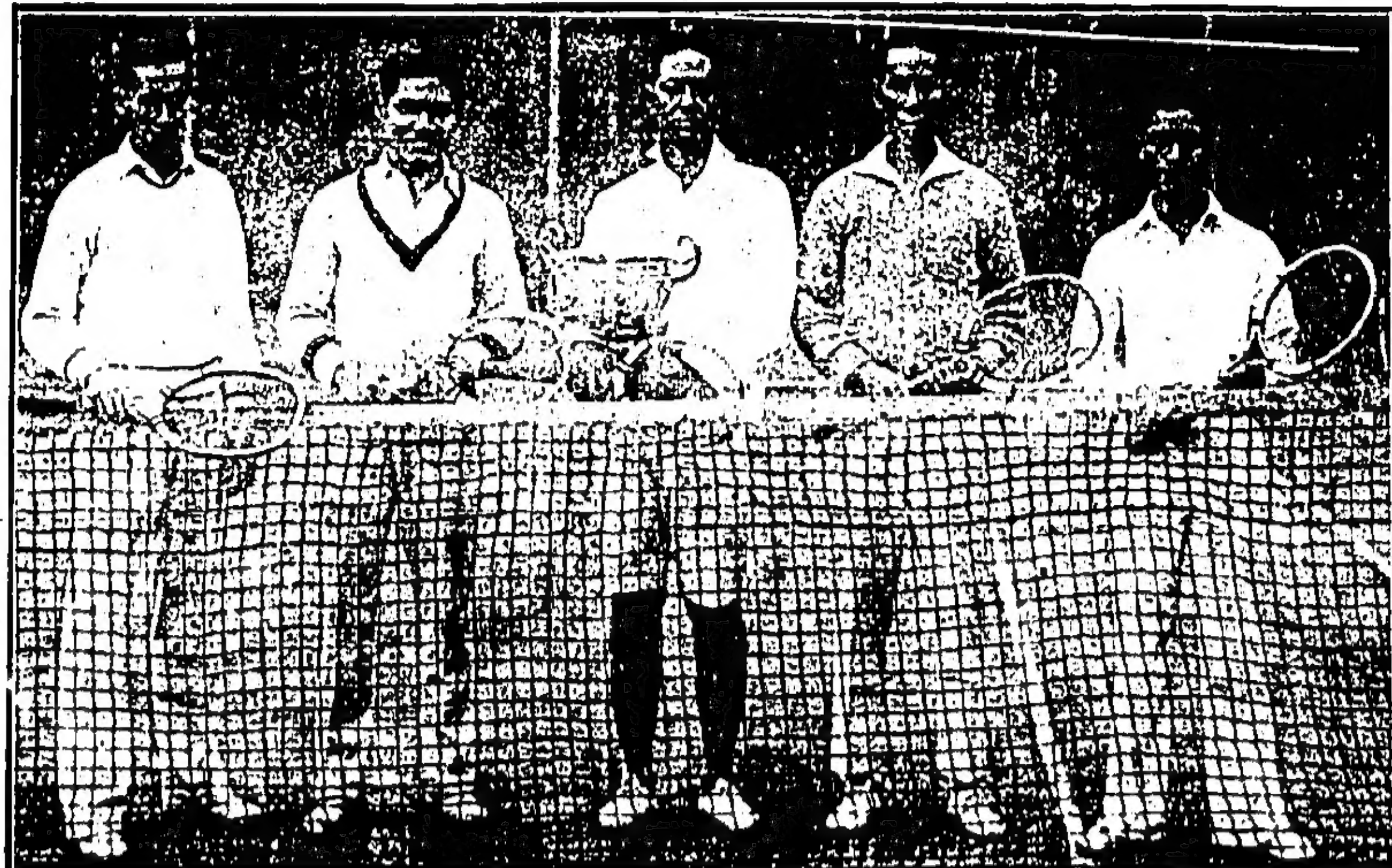
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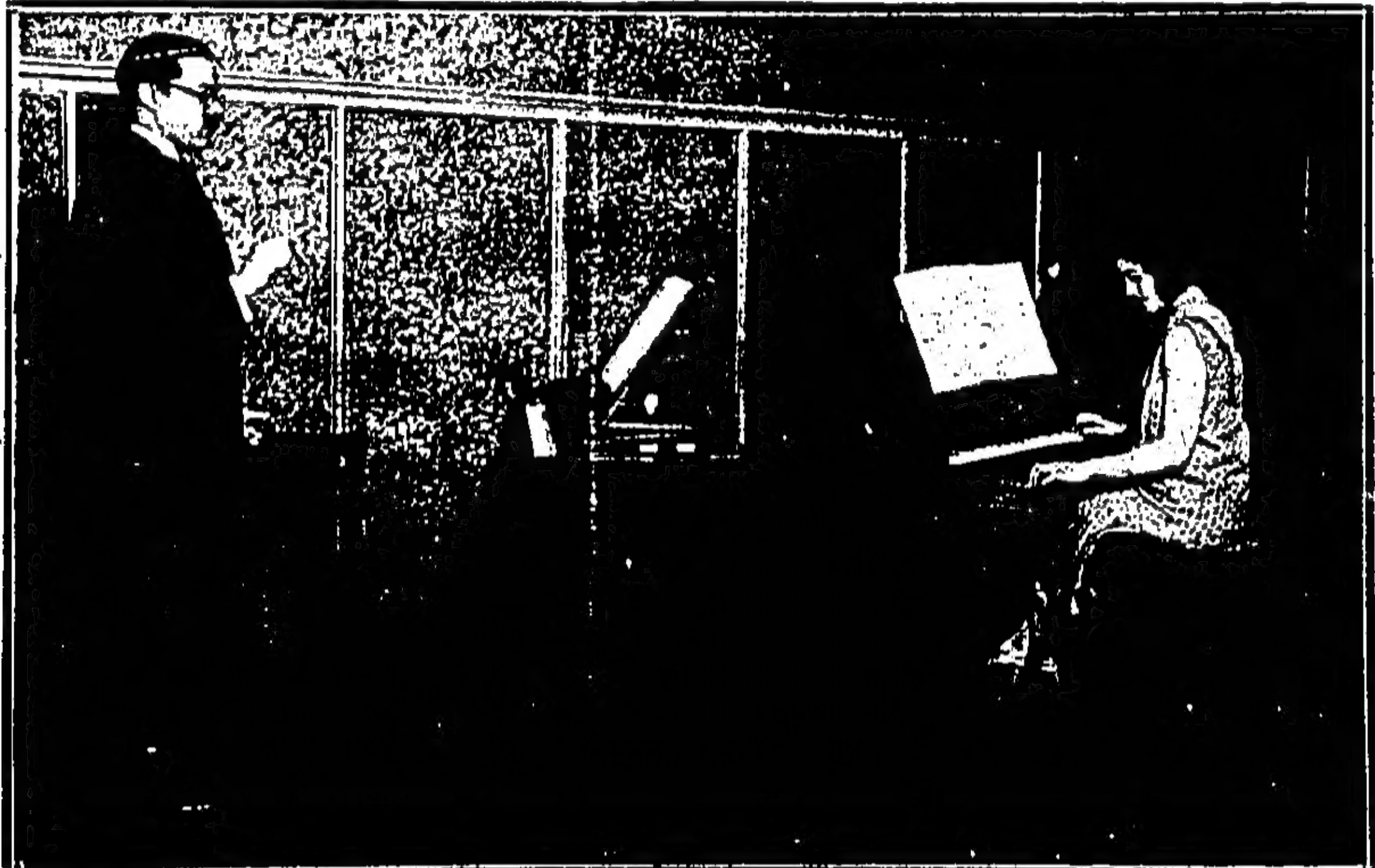
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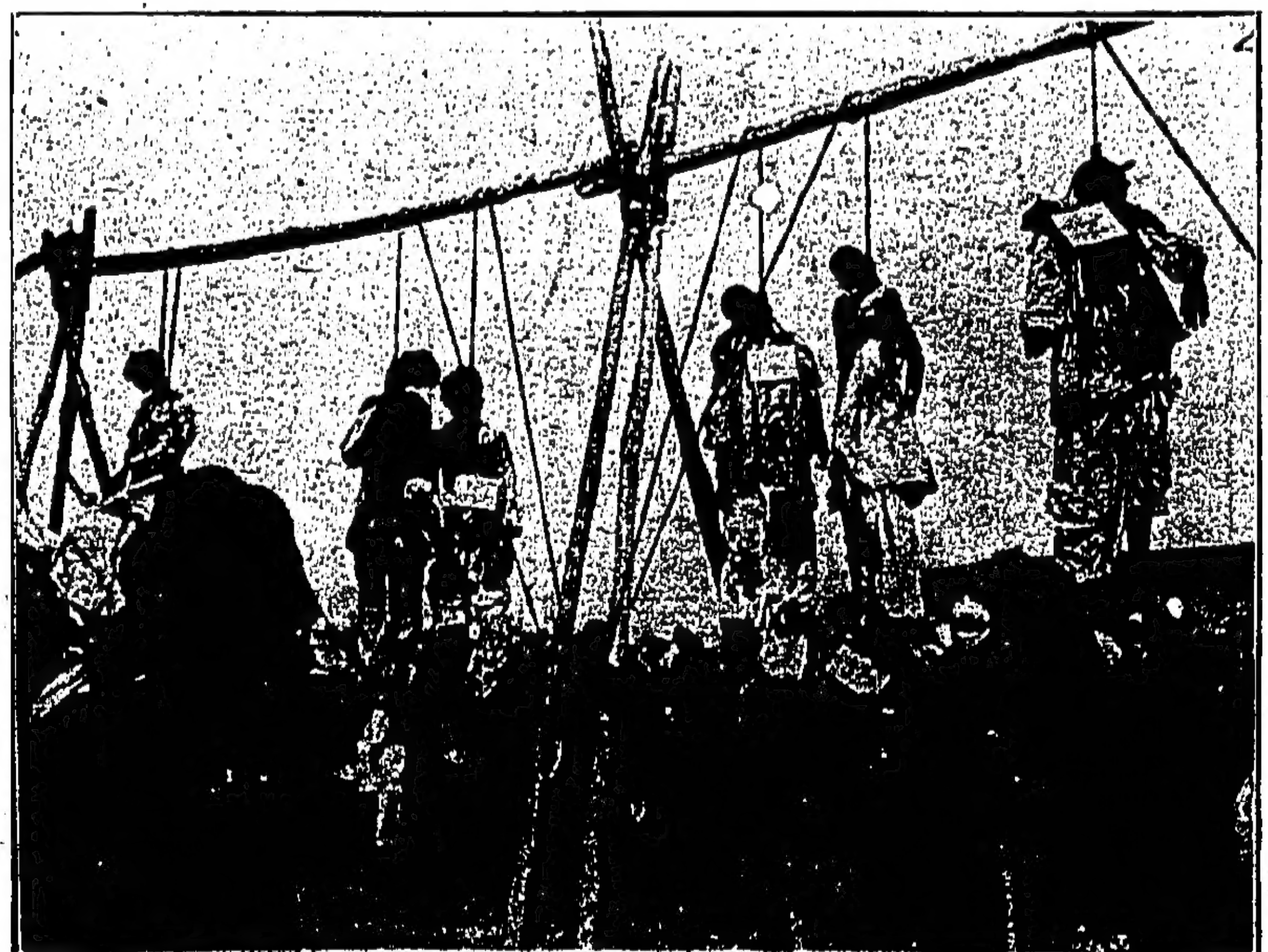
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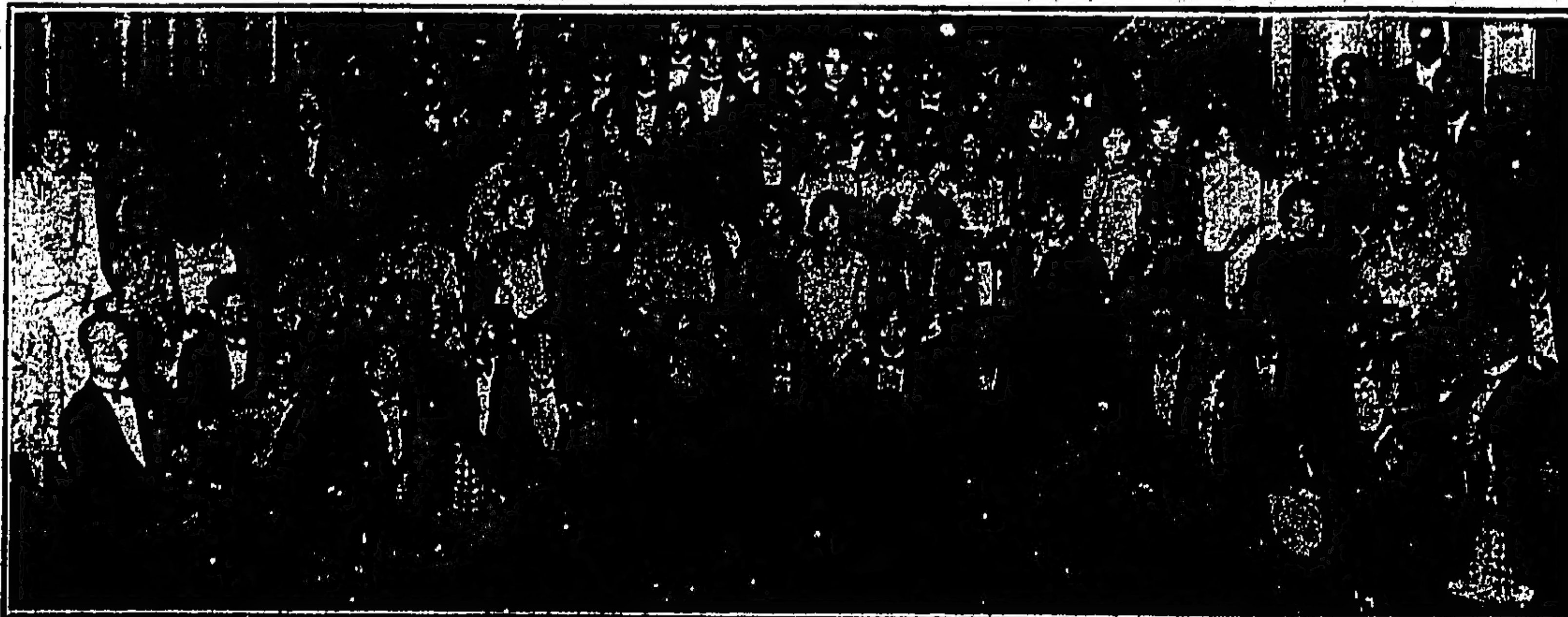
THE DRAGON TEAM.—Of the Municipal Athletic Association, winners of the 1929 Canton International Tennis League and the B.A.T. trophy. Left to right:—Messrs. Yew Man-kit, Ho Tsung-mung, Wong Po-keung (captain), Lau Fuk-lun, Leung Tak-kwong, most of whom have played in the Hong Kong competitions.



MUSIC FROM THE ETHER.—Prof. Maurice Martenot, on left, with his musical sound waves instrument, which he plays from a distance by very slightly displacing his hand in space. Simple movements communicated to a thread are sufficient to regulate the vibrations. On the right is the Parisian inventor's sister, Ginette Martenot. The instrument will be in Hong Kong by the end of the year.



EX-WATER-CARRIER KING OF AFGHANISTAN.—Bachcha-o-Saggu, his brother Hamidullah and their companions, hanged by the neck at Kabul, with their names attached, after being shot dead, as an example to future revolutionaries, following their overthrow.—(Sport and General).



A. FRATERNITY'S DINNER-DANCE.—In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the A.L. Fraternity, Shanghai, a successful dinner-dance was held at the Astor House Hotel. The Committee in charge of the occasion include Messrs. Samuel H. Chang, S. L. Benjamin Chang, C. F. Bai, Peter Klingman and Ray J. Wang.—(Ah Fong).

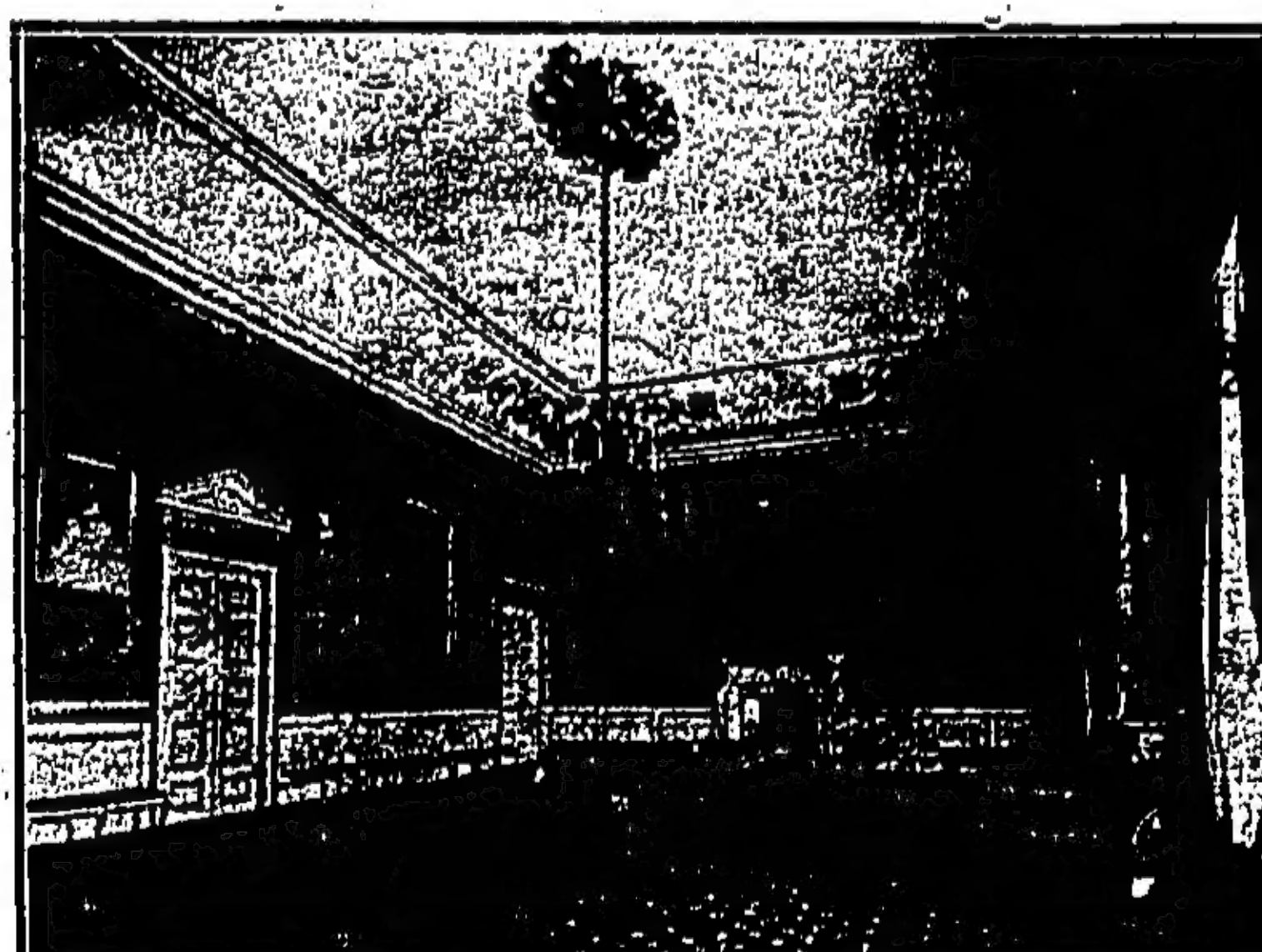


AIRSHIP'S REFLECTION.—The R. 100 of Britain, the world's latest and most powerful airship, at the mooring, mast at Cardington, Bedfordshire, reflected in the water-logged fields beneath.



FIFTY YEARS A DUKE.—The Duke of Portland on the 50th anniversary of his succession to the dukedom.

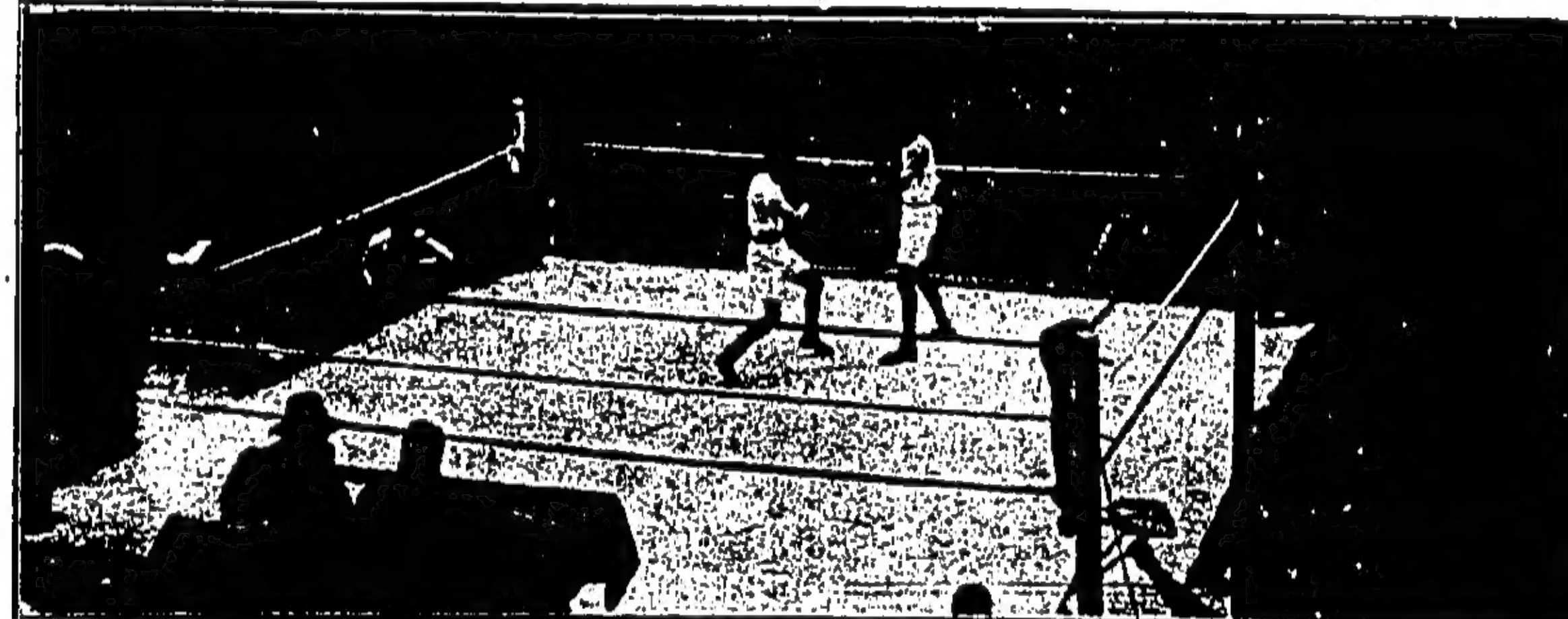
(At right).—MR. WEDGWOOD BENN.—Secretary of State for India, one of the British delegates attending the naval conference.



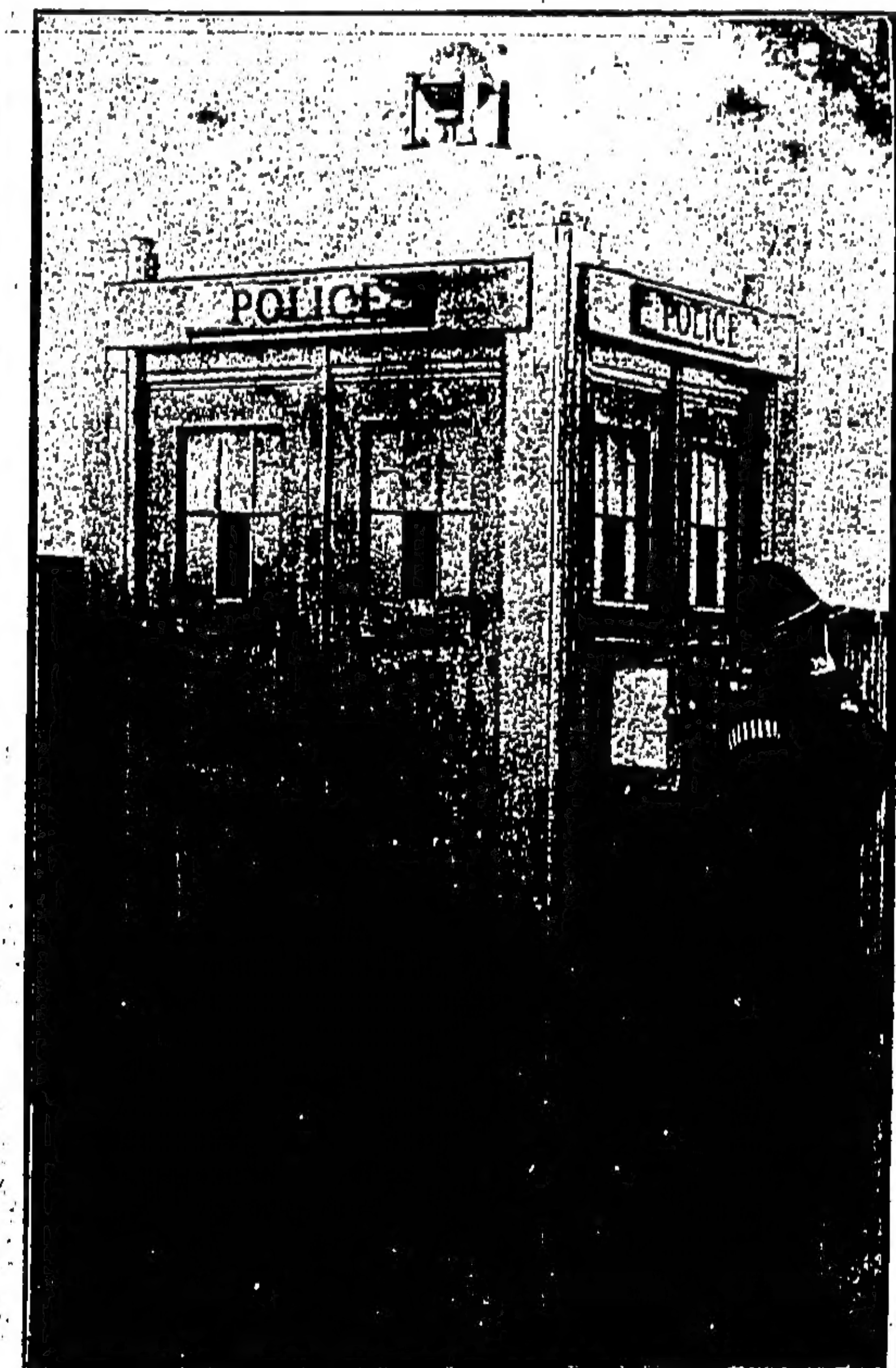
ST. JAMES'S PALACE.—The conference room, where the five-Power Naval Conference is being held in London.



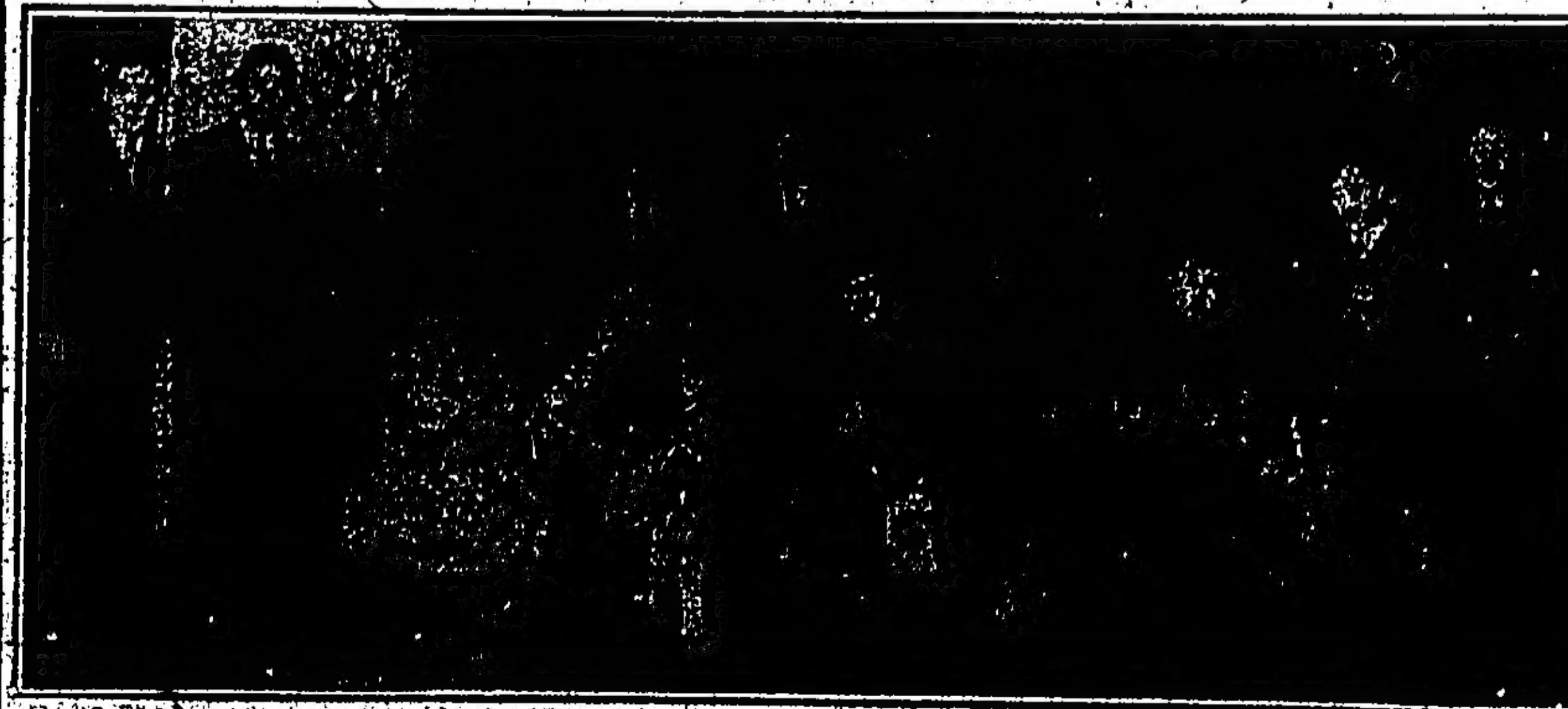
WELL-KNOWN AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES UNITED.—At the wedding in St. John's Cathedral of Dr. Edward Sun of Brisbane and Miss Constance Quan of Glen Innes.—(A. Fong).



BOXING AT MURRAY BARRACKS.—The Hong Kong Area inter-unit competition, in which the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B. and the 1st Bn. Somerset L.I. tied with 25 points each.—(K. Fujiyama).



PHONE BOX MARVEL.—In reality, a miniature police station, by which the public can call for assistance. It has been introduced successfully in England.



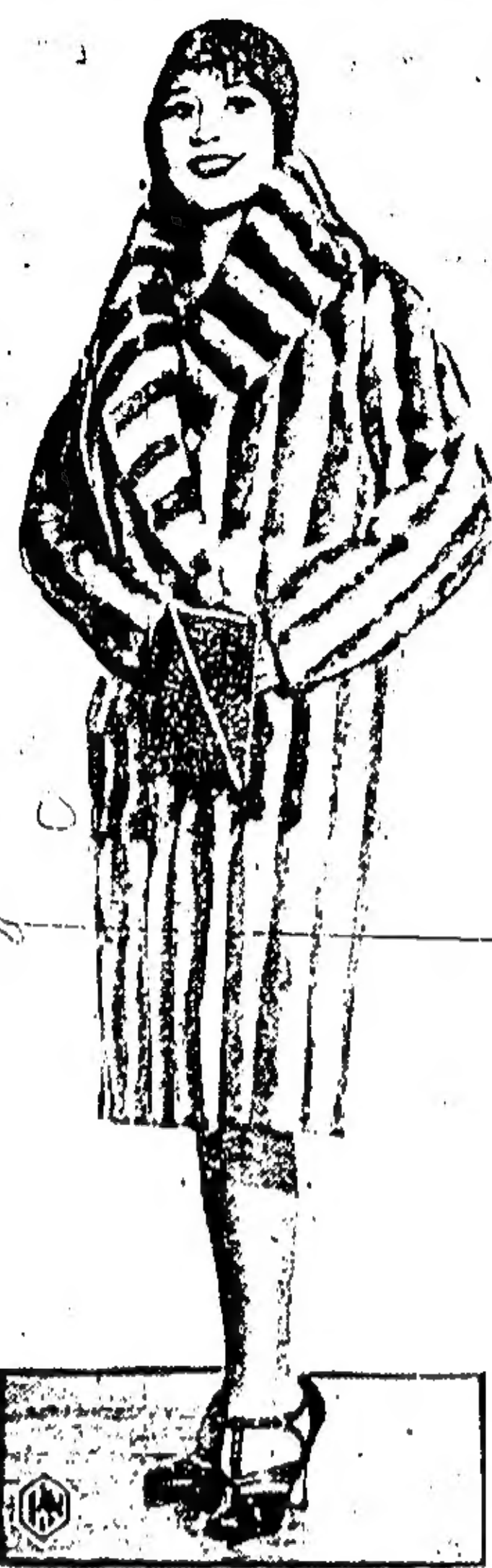
"NU TIEN CHU" (The Mistress of the Inn).—This is a Chinese translation of "La Locandiera" and was presented by the Chinese Dramatic Club of St. John's University, Shanghai, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University. Standing (left to right): Messrs. Z. C. Fong, Y. F. Zung, L. K. Lien, L. S. Lien, A. L. Heiang, B. Z. Yen, B. Yao, G. C. To, Y. F. Tong. (Asst. Director), Z. C. Chu (Director). Sitting (left to right): Messrs. Y. C. Woo, P. W. Hui, S. B. Chao, H. C. Ying, K. Y. Wang, S. Y. Tong.—(Chung Hwa Studio).



The WOMAN'S Page



For the Cold Snap



Peshanki fur, a Russian skin showing rich brown and tan colorings in stripes, feature the smart coat which is snug and cozy during a cold snap.

FOR THE PEAK FOG

A fog can be detrimental to beauty. The extreme dampness makes the pores slack, and the solid matter in the atmosphere clogs them and prevents them from acting as they should. Care must be taken to keep the skin in the right condition, so that it can fight the fog and be victorious.

The great secret, a woman chemist says, is to keep the pores well tightened up, and thoroughly clean, and at the same time to take special care that the entire face is hardy. A lotion must be applied in conjunction with a cream. The latter is needed to soften the skin, because the chilly air is apt to roughen it, and the lotion will brace up the pores.

Powder must be scantily used on a foggy day; it is apt to get driven into the pores, and that is what must be avoided. In the morning only just tepid water must be used for washing the face, and directly it is dry it must be well bathed with an astringent lotion, such as a benzoin one. A weather cream must be applied just before going out into the fog, and on returning indoors plenty of skin food must be used. It will be found infinitely better than washing the face.

At bedtime a cream will probably be needed to soften the skin, which will have been caught by the

BREAKFAST MENUS

Your Choice For A Whole Week

With winter days and a chill snap in the early morning people who start out want something really solid for breakfast.

Porridge is often the staple dish of the family. But that tasty fare ought to be prepared in different ways; at least, it should be always well cooked, perfectly smooth, and never a single lump should be allowed.

Sunday
Pancake, egg, breadcrumbed, and fried.
Rashers of bacon on toast.
Brown bread, scones, split, heated, and buttered.
Butter, marmalade of bitter oranges.
Mocha coffee with cream.

Monday
Porridge pancake with cream.
Kippers with boiled eggs.
Breakfast rolls, butter, Cane gooseberry jam.
Darjeeling tea with milk.

Tuesday
Sausages fried with sliced apples.
Sardines.
Wheatmeal bread, breakfast biscuits.

Wednesday
Butter, lemon marmalade.
Chocolate, well frothed.

Thursday
Wheatmeal porridge with milk.
Bacon with mushrooms, tomatoes, and potatoes.
White bread, pulled bread, milk loaf.
Butter, apple and ginger jam.
Blended tea with cream.

Friday
Ritzed mackerel.
Potted meat.
Oatcakes, dripping toast.
Butter, Oxford marmalade.
Coffee with scalded milk.

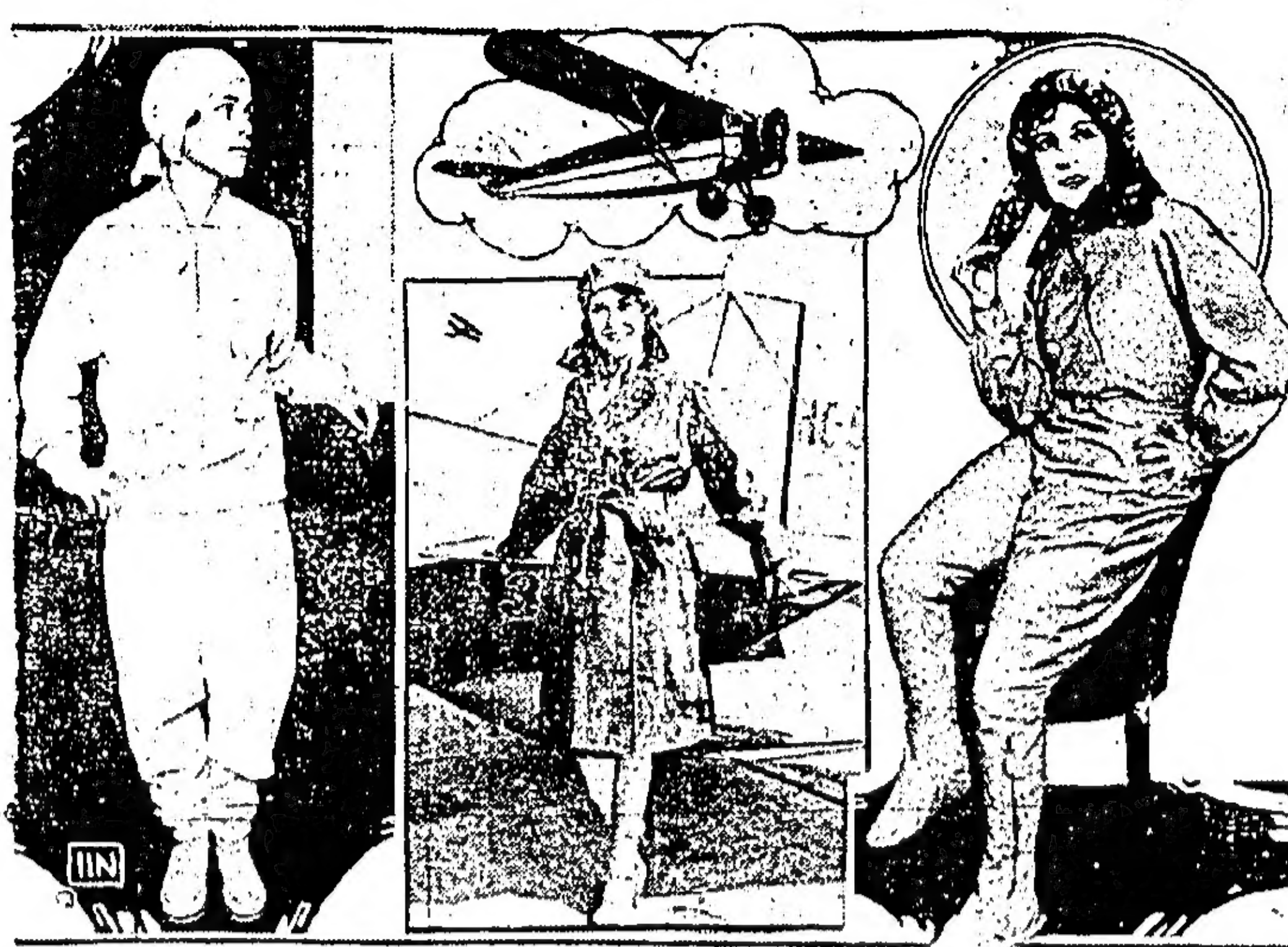
Saturday
Coarse oatmeal porridge with milk.
Bacon fried with bananas.
Wheatmeal, morning rolls, treacle loaf, cottage loaf, cocoa.

PRINCESS'S TROUSSEAU
Princess Marie Jose has mauve and silver lame frocks in her trousseau; one long evening frock is in a wistaria shade of chiffon, with a mauve velvet cloak lined with primine to go with it. There will, too, be a great deal of white in her wardrobe; in fact, most of the sports clothes are all-white.

White and silver suits the Princess admirably, and there will doubtless be special white and silver magnificence to wear with the silver lame shoes trimmed with real diamonds that she has chosen.

cold air. A greasy one must be well rubbed in, and allowed to remain on for five minutes, then wiped off, and the astringent lotion used to bathe the face.

Attire Designed for Ladybirds



The march of fashion has covered every place, in the street, the ballroom and in the air. The pretty aviatrix at the left believes in harmony of colour when she goes flying and wears this white suede pilot outfit to match the whiteness of the clouds. (Centre) A smartly tailored brown suede coat, with a French beret to match. (Right) A well-known aviatrix (right), wearing a striking air ensemble in printed suede lined with ocelot.

Be fashionable even if you are up in the air! The leading stylists have now evolved highly original costumes for the girl who flies high, and now there can be no display of sports clothes without a series of smart outfits designed and fashioned for ladybirds.

Of course, if you are just a plain 'plane passenger, you will look your best and be appropriately clothed if you wear an attractive sports outfit, one that is not too fussy, nor yet too severe. Or at this time of the year a smart one-piece dress with a skirt of medium length in crepe, with a fur coat, will prove a practical and smart costume. Your cloud clothes need not be heavy or thick, for the quarters of

all passenger 'planes are well heated and protected from the elements. Many air travellers find that a fine tweed suit with a satin blouse worn under a coat which is doffed when in the 'plane is the ideal air-outfit. And so you see, you need not let clothes interfere with your desire to ride on the tops of clouds.

But to-day, is the day of the lady pilot, and many young women fly their 'plane as casually as they drive a car. Perhaps, with memories of many reckless women drivers, it would be better to say that they pilot a 'plane just as casually but more carefully than they drive a car. Anyway, many a girl who had her doubts about becoming an

aviatrix won't hesitate when she sees the smart costumes designed for her. Paris has been showing some highly original flying suits, most of them made in one, like the overalls of an aviation mechanic. For a smart French aviatrix, Schiaparelli, who is one of the foremost designers of sports clothes, has just made a stunning costume. It is of crepe tulle with collar and cuffs of black patent leather. Triangular appliques of patent leather run from the knee to the ankle, where they finish by buckling backwards about the ankle. Many smart suits are of chamois and suede, with contrasting leather trim and zipper fastenings, combining smartness with practicability, something that is not always achieved in sports clothes.

FUR COLLAR FASHION

A coat may be known by its fur collar—Winter has ordained the double variety, so deep and high and full, that the back of the head is entirely hidden, even up to the crown thereof. The fashion (says Truth) is very pretty and becoming to the brightly-painted face and lips encased in which still prevail; but much expense is involved, for the favoured fur is beaver, though sealskin or ermine may also be acknowledged. The fox is at the moment losing its tail and appears most generally as the neck facing to cloth, velvet or tweed. Yet we can encounter (remnants from last season) grey or fawn-pressed lamb's wool with fox to match; but squirrel languishes—'price prohibitive, considering its durable value' is the verdict of the truly economical.

Velvet Costumes
So many folks declare they hate afternoon parties, and so many folks flock to them. At two of these (says a writer in Truth) I was welcomed and had occasion to observe that even as popular as the ivory-printed black velvet was last year, so popular is the watered or waved velvet this year. "Everybody's wearing them," as the old song says, and the colours achieved are most lovely, sapphire blue and bottle green being particularly attractive. But dressmakers must beware to grant them gracious amplitude; they look poor things when the material is skimpy; and their sleeves must be well ballooned.

But one of the best velvet costumes I have seen was plain and of brown, worn by Lady Alexander. This had an Elizabethan suggestion in the sleeves which from elbow to wrist were criss-crossed with wide silver ribbons. Her hat bore aloft two big shaded marabout plumes, and altogether it was a brave array. Also sat Virginia Vernon in rose-red cloth skirt and coat trimmed with brown astrakhan and crowned with rose-red felt cut to the coal-heaver's order. Hostess, on this occasion, wore a simple dress of white silk lace and an over-dress of black Chantilly, most effective and unusual, too. The hats with nose veil are coming along quickly, and to those past their first, second, or third youth they are much to be recommended, as not being so treacherous in their revelations as the close-fitting helmets, all bristles and bare, which were the universal choice of yesterday.

LONG SKIRTS MODIFIED

We are told we have accepted the long skirts of ugly days—that may be so, but with what a difference! We have long draperies, but from the knees the hem becomes transparent enough to reveal a glimpse of slim legs! This camouflaged hem is the salvation of the long-skirted vogue. Suggestion is more subtle in the matter of skirts than the blatant knee-revealing models of a few seasons ago. It is the evening on

A FREAK OF FATE

Beautiful formal clothes are at last required in London. British women used to say (and rightly!) that "best" clothes were very useless. Judging by the galaxy of beautiful clothes—who have of late graced all the big wedding and other

A London Hat



The graceful sweep on the side and the long back are distinctive features of this new model. — Reclaw, London.

receptions at home by day and night, we must now realise that the determination on the part of the dress artists of repute in both London and Paris to introduce fashions of distinction has succeeded.

They have firmly severed all compromise and cut a clear line between the so-called "sport" and these more formal clothes. Women in any social set must not to-day lunch at a restaurant or attend a wedding in jumper suits, short skirts, and sports caps. It is a curious freak of fate that with a Labour Government there has come far more distinction in dress than has been the case for over a quarter of a century.

Fete frocks that can best express the charms resuscitated from other days.

The best style for ordinary women is the "flared" skirt, for afternoons, cut in the new Princess style, which need not accentuate the waistline. The simple jacket can be a helpful factor in straightening out a line where nature's curves are apt to be too pronounced.

Skill is needed, for the waisted look of the "Nineties" is apt to interfere with modern conception of grace. Some designers frankly denounce it, as, for instance, one who insists on the lower waist, the places it near the top of the hip, which is, after all, more generally becoming.

FIVE PAIRS OF SHOES

(By a Footwear Expert.)

Every smart woman is aware of the important part which her shoes play in the make-up of her chic, and that no clothes, however modish, can cover up the deadly sin of dowdy or wrongly chosen shoes.

But not every woman is possessed of an income which enables her to buy shoes to go with every separate outfit, and so avoid the calamity of having to wear shoes which are "not quite right" but which will "have to do."

A little ingenuity, a control of extravagant ideas, and above all a very carefully considered choice, balance a superfluous amount of money, and very often outweigh it!

An important point in this choice is the care which must be exercised by the town-dweller who is in the habit of paying country visits. She must avoid buying too many shoes which are suitable only for town or country. Her first economy can be to find at least one pair which are suitable and smart for both places.

I suggest she should have one pair of single-strap brown willow calf shoes, brogue or plain, for morning wear. These can be used for town or country, and for wet days in general.

Country or Golf Wear

For purely country or golf wear low-heeled brown lace shoes should be chosen. Additional comfort and endurance will be secured if these are furnished with scuffs soles (small rubber studs).

Doeskin and patent leather have their countless admirers, but I should like to point out that a pair of black crocodile court shoes will last much longer. These can be worn either with smart afternoon frocks or on fine days with a tailor-made.

For summer frocks one's mind jumps to the ideal brown and white kind, but the occasions on which

WOMEN 'SMUGGLERS'

Paris Models Hired By Dressmakers

The allegation that certain society women carry on a "necarious trade" in smuggled dresses from Paris was made on December 4 by Mr. Edward H. Symonds, managing director of a well-known firm of Court dressmakers, and vice-president of the London Employers' Association. If every case were known, he added, the loss to the revenue might be found to reach £1,000,000 a year.

"There is a tremendous amount of this smuggling going on among society women who act for certain dressmakers in the West-end," said Mr. Symonds. "But there is another form of evading the law which is far more serious than smuggling."

"A woman bringing a new Paris model over as her own dress may perhaps 'loan' it to a dozen dressmakers at a fee from each of say from three to five guineas. She will thus receive £50 or £70 for the dress and still have it, and she will have cleared the expenses of her trip to Paris."

"What can the Customs man do? A society woman returning from the Riviera, for instance, has a dozen dresses. She says, 'They are my own. I have worn them,' and she probably has. She pays the few shillings duty, but when she gets to London she may carry on this nefarious trade in them, and no one can catch her."

Loophole in Law

"And such is the mentality of the women who are taking advantage of this loophole in the law that they say they cannot see anything wrong in it."

"Women in all circumstances of life are now employed by unscrupulous dressmakers and wholesalers to make such journeys regularly to and from Paris. The correct duty on dresses for trade purposes would be anything from £5 to £20 each."

"The principle of a differential treatment between the trade and the private individual is unsound and inequitable. If I were to bring champagne or cigars into Britain as a private individual I should have to pay exactly the same duty as would a merchant."

"I hope the present Government will take immediate steps to prevent the loss to revenue in future years."

A WELL-DRESSED COMMUNITY

Always to have the best and, if necessary, be content with fewer clothes and accessories is, or should be, the maxim of a well-dressed community. The great dressmakers, and jewellers must have felt depressed when even the leaders of the social world covered themselves with imitation gems, in different furs, and wore scanty frocks and sports hats on all occasions! Neither taste nor style was then required.

Colours and materials alone stood up against the cheapening effects of massed production, for fabric, even in the lesser cottons and wools, has been steadily improving in colour and quality.

these shoes can be worn are limited. A good substitute is found in a pair of beige-coloured kid court shoes. These are suited for wear with light-coloured frocks, as well as all summer frocks, and can be dyed to look like new.

For evening the choice may lie between beige satin or beige crepe de Chine. The coloured buckles, so much in evidence just now, enhance the appearance of these shoes, and can be changed to match with the evening frock.

With these five pairs of shoes no woman need fear that her feet will disgrace her.—R.C. in London. Daily Telegraph.

Green Silk Gown



A dignified and extremely smart model of green faille silk in a pale tone, is draped very low behind so as to touch the heels of the slippers. The light-fitting waist and upper skirt are contrasted by generously ruffled skirt and flowing sash.

LABOUR LADIES' DRESSES

The Home Secretary and Mrs. Clynes were at Home on December 5 in the Harcourt Room of the House of Commons. The hostess was wearing a dress of lacquered georgette, embroidered in dull-gold in a feather design, the girle caught with a diamond buckle and crescent. She wore a triple necklace of pearls and a small black hat with upturned brims. Mrs. Clynes, jun., wore a tabac brown georgette dress and a smart darker brown felt hat. Mrs. Herbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clynes, was in black velvet, with a vest of old lace, and had a small closely fitting black velvet hat.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, who was joined for a little while by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was in a pale brown stone marten collar coat, over a straw-coloured satin dress, and wearing a brown felt and velvet hat. Earl and Countess De La Warr came together. Lady De La Warr in a black cloth coat, collared with black Persian fur, and wore a small black hat. Mr. Boyd brought Lady Ada Boyd, whose black dress was embroidered with white, and who wore a black felt hat stitched with white.

Lady Jowitt was wearing a black coat, with a collar of grey astrakhan, and some relief of white on the bodice of her black dress. Her hat was black felt. Mrs. Noel Buxton was in black, with a black panne and felt hat. The Postmaster-General brought Mrs. Lees Smith, who was in black, with a cluster of bronze chrysanthemums in her dress. Mr. Lansbury brought Miss Lansbury, who was in black. Miss Sankey was also in black.

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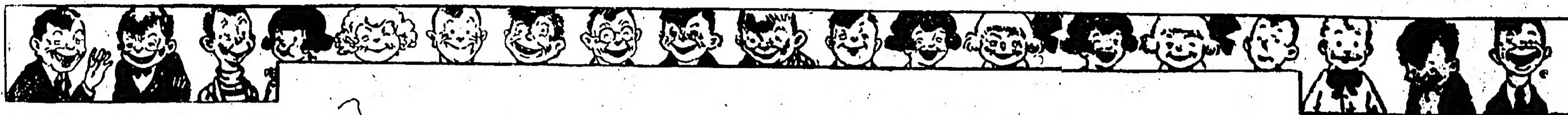
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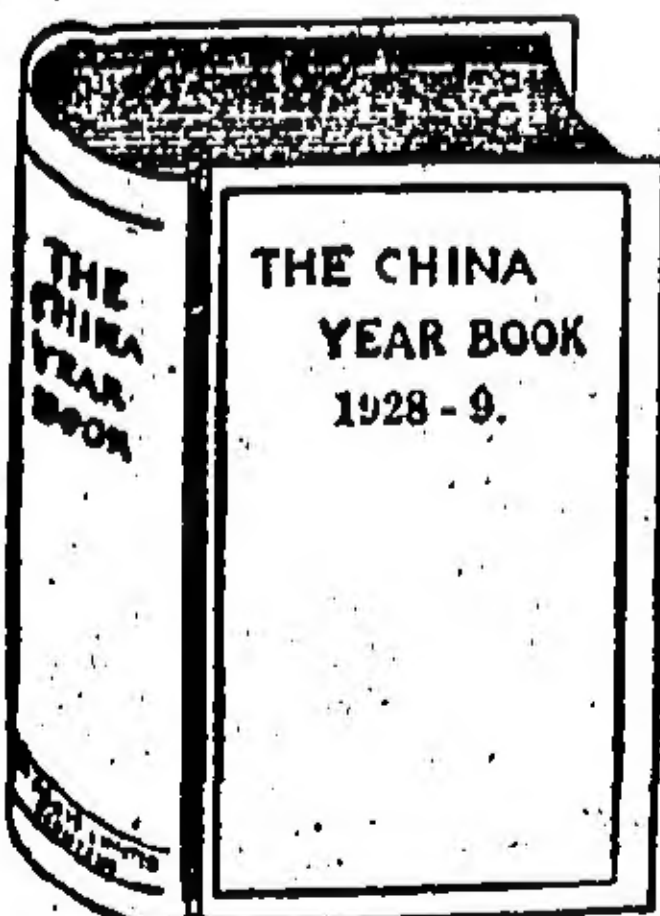
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"ARE YOU SURE ROSIE DIDN'T CALL ME UP ON ANY OF THE PHONES?"

"I'M NOT SURE ABOUT LOTS OF THINGS BUT I'M POSITIVE ABOUT THAT."

"MY GOODNESS! WOULDN'T IT BE TERRIBLE IF I CAUSED HER TO WORRY HERSELF SICK. I MUST NOT BE SO CRUEL. I'LL PHONE HER AND SHE WILL BE MUCH RELIEVED."

"WHAT? YOU SAY ROSIE WENT OUT."

"HUH! I'LL BET SHE'S OUT WITH THAT ONE-STEPPER. I HATE."

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"I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME DROPPING IN UNEXPECTEDLY LIKE THIS BUT I DID WANT TO CALL ON YOU. I SPENT SUCH A NICE EVENING WITH YOU AT THE CLUB."

"I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU AN' I WANT YOU TO TELL MY WIFE THAT I'LL GO UP AN' BRING HER DOWN."

"MAGGIE, DARLIN', DON'T WORRY OVER THAT IMPOSTOR THAT WUZ HERE. COME RIGHT DOWN AN' MEET THE REAL COUNT DE CANTER. HE'S IN THE PARLOR."

"OH-IT'S TERRIBLE TO THINK I WAS ENTERTAINING OUR COOK'S HUSBAND THINKING HE WAS THE COUNT-DE CANTER."

"STOP CRYING, MARIE. POWDER YOUR NOSE AND START THE DINNER. THE REAL COUNT IS DOWNSTAIRS NOW."

"THAT BIG CROOK SAYIN' HE WAS COUNT. WHEN I MARRIED HIM HE WAS A STAKE-DRIVER."

"AH-MRS. JIGGS! I AM CHARMED AT THE HONOR OF MEETING YOU."

"JUST STICK AROUND, COUNT. I'VE GOTTA GO AN' PILE IN THE GROCERIES."

"YOU MUST STAY AND DINE WITH US."

"HAROLD, MY FIRST HUSBAND?"

"MARIE?"

"GREAT HEAVENS! ANOTHER IMPOSTOR!"

"HE'S NO COUNT. HE'S A BIG LOAFER."

"PHONE FER THE POLICE, MAGGIE. I GOT HIM LOCKED IN THE CLOSET."

"DID YOU PHONE FOR THE POLICE?"

"YES. ARE YOU ALL OF 'EM? COME THIS WAY."

"MARIE?"

"MY SECOND HUSBAND! JOHN!"

"O-U!"

"HEY! COME BACK HERE."

"NOT ME."

"I KNOW I'M GOING TO FAINT. SEND FOR A DOCTOR."

"THAT SECOND HUSBAND WAS WORSE THAN THE FIRST BUT THE CROOK THAT SAID HE WAS A COUNT WAS AWFUL. HE NEVER SUPPORTED ME FROM THE DAY WE WERE MARRIED."

"I'LL PHONE FOR A DOCTOR."

"I'M DOCTOR CARVER. DID YOU PHONE?"

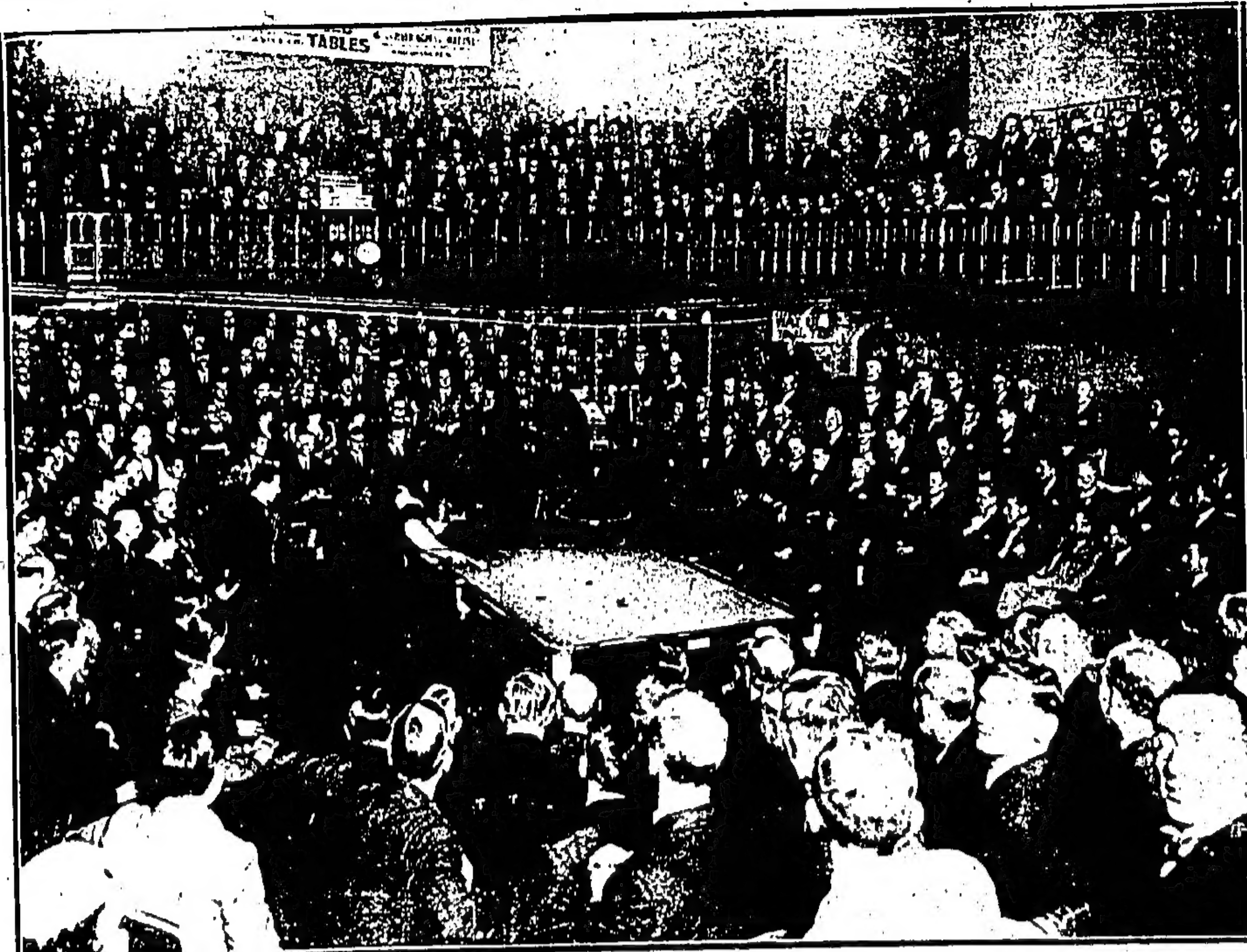
"I DID STEP RIGHT THIS WAY. MY WIFE IS ILL."

"MARIE?"

"HERBERT-MY FOURTH HUSBAND!"



Our Homeside Picture Service



BILLYARDS.—Walter Lindrum, the Australian Champion, v. W. Smith, at the Memorial Hall, Faringdon Street, London. A record crowd was present to witness the time limit match and wonderful form was maintained by both players. Here is a general view of the match in progress, with Lindrum at the table, on one of his big breaks. — (Sport and General).



PRINCE SEES VARSITY RUGBY MATCH.—The annual contest between Oxford and Cambridge, on the famous Twickenham ground, London. The Prince of Wales had an enthusiastic reception as he walked out to shake hands with members of both teams. He is seen shaking hands with Mr. A. E. Freethy, the referee. — (Sport and General).



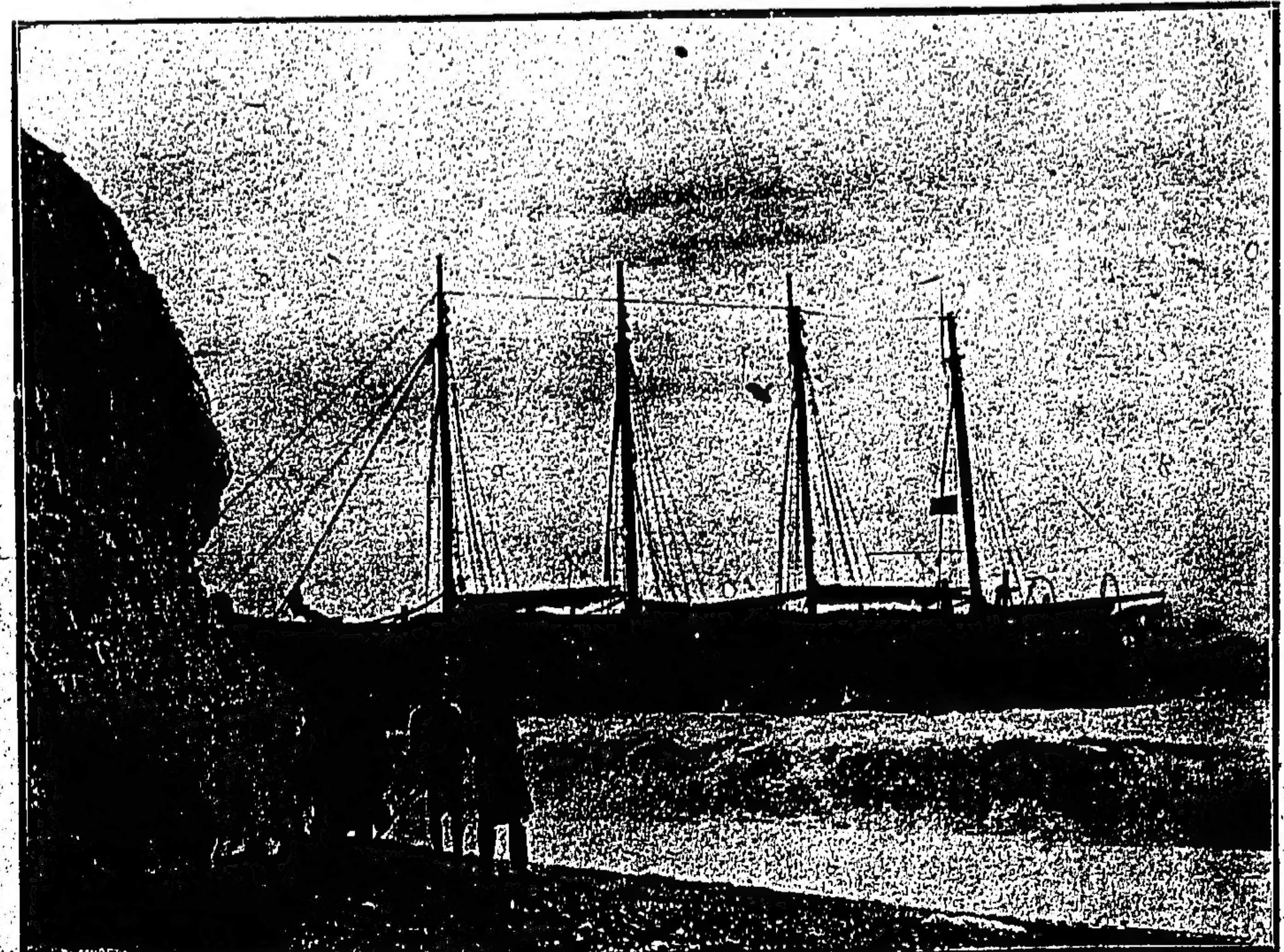
"WINSTON" IN A STUDENTS' "RAG."—Mr. Winston Churchill, during his installation as Chancellor of Bristol University, was made the centre of a students' "rag" and forcibly taken to the Hall to answer charges of "drink and disorderly." Needless to say, Mr. Churchill good-humouredly entered into the spirit of the "rag." Students and undergraduates are seen chairing Mr. Churchill—who is smoking the inevitable cigar—back to his car as a "free" man. — (Sport and General).



FLOOD SCENES AT WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.—Floods threatening the playing fields at the famous Eton College. Our picture shows the flooded meadows adjoining, with historic Windsor Castle in the background, during the recent heavy gales in Britain. — (Sport and General).



VOYAGE TO FAR SOUTH.—The Discovery II left St. Katherine's Dock, London, for a three-year voyage of research in the Antarctic. The purpose of the expedition is to investigate whales with the object of safeguarding the future of the whaling industry. The vessel, which is built of steel and specially constructed to resist ice pressure, carries a scientific staff of six who will be under the leadership of Dr. S. W. Kemp. The Discovery II is shown leaving Tower Bridge. — (Sport and General).



LIFEBOATMEN'S ALL-NIGHT VIGIL IN THE STORM.—The great hurricane which swept the British Isles on the night of December 6, and raged for two days, was responsible for appalling disasters on land and sea. Danish four-master barque Morgens Kock—Driven ashore at Havens Point at the mouth of the Ockmere River, near Eastbourne, Sussex. Her crew of ten were rescued by the Newhaven lifeboatmen, who had themselves been out all night trying to rescue another vessel. The sea was so rough that even the lifeboat crew thought they would never return safely. Photo shows several boys watching the wreck being pounded by heavy seas. — (Sport and General).

A NEW WORLD

1930 the Turning Point of History

THE OCCULT VIEW

Nations' Fate Hanging in the Balance

CAULDRON OF CHINA

The world's fate is hanging in the balance and the year 1930 will mark a turning point in the history of the world, declare Japanese publicists as well as soothsayers. The former base their reasons for such a statement on the world problems that have already been settled and on problems yet to be settled; the latter on occult and unearthly (if not supernatural) knowledge and a study of planetary influences. Both agree, however, that the signs are that the coming change will be for the better, that all indications point to the world getting out of its "Childhood" of suspicions and rivalries and that the old bad habits will be definitely eschewed owing to the average man and woman waking up to the fact that in co-operation and not in insensate striving of nations to outjockey on another lies the road to duty, peace and prosperity.

PROBLEM OF INDIA

With regard to China alone are grave doubts expressed, but no one thinks that, however the Chinese cauldron may bubble and simmer, other nations would care to fish in it. India, they say, is on the eve of a great advance politically, and financially and that, when her immense size and the "cowlike complacency" of her millions, due to the "wrong interpretations" of the Buddhist doctrine of resignation, are taken into consideration, she has really been moving, since the war, at "break-neck" pace.

Internationalism in Sight

This year, it is pointed out, has been a record year for the interests of peace all the world over. The Kellogg Pact was the greatest of these, while the signing of the optional clause of the League of Nations Covenant, the pulling out of British troops from the German Rhineland, the readjustment of relations between Great Britain and Egypt, and the settlement of reparations are set down as achievements done in such a brief space of time as may make statesmen of former eras sit up and take notice. The crowning success promises to be effective naval disarmament; and what is far better, the substitution of understanding and trust for the misapprehensions and dissensions that threatened to break out whenever disputed issues arose.

The advent of a Labour Cabinet in Britain, the elevation of Herbert Hoover to the Presidency of the United States, the steady trend of dictator-ruled countries in Europe to a form of government where power is being vested in the people instead of in the hands of a single individual, and the substitution of the Tanaka ministry by the Hamaguchi government, with its emphasis on economy and peace, are all regarded as signal victories in the march towards the new era of internationalism, mutual tolerance and respect, and ready co-operation. Nationalist ambitions, it is granted, are not yet definitely snuffed out, but they are less maleficent to-day and the indications are that they are being slowly extinguished by the doctrine of internationalism which is gaining a greater number of adherents every day.

1930 A Critical Year

The year, 1930, it is considered, will see the fruition or ruination of all the work done, and the hopes endangered during this year. The press urges the Government not to manoeuvre for position at London, not to seek to get a rise out of another nation, but to work wholeheartedly to secure peace "if the work of man is to endure."

While Japanese publicists do not think that the brute in man can be suppressed by legislating against instruments of destruction and contend that, even if every weapon be dumped into the deepest part of the ocean, mankind will fight, if there is a cause, with their bare fists, still it is admitted that an unarmed peace is much better than an armed peace, for even if there should be a breach, the suffering and destruction involved and the expense of it would not be anywhere as great as otherwise.

Quarrels start, often heat, and the way fever takes possession of people, before one exactly knows how it happened or why it happened, and it is only after the orgy of destruction that everyone realizes his mistakes," says one writer. "That is exactly what happened during the European war into which Asia and America were dragged, though by some very real motives. Fine armaments did not serve either side very much, when the final reckoning after the fighting was over came. One was compelled to say the least. The fact is that they all lost."

The Versailles Settlement, which was the result of the war, has been a failure.

writer asks what is the use of the savagery that salutes with "the boom of cannon or the flash of steel" and declares that such is a strange way of showing the "greatness of a nation or the extent of its culture."

"That being so," he concludes, "what all statesmen should do at London is work in the interests of the common duty—Peace—instead of lying awake at night devising means of stealing a march over the other. If half the zeal devoted to martial pomp and destructive means were devoted to the nobler side of human life, the world would not need to live, as it does to-day, armed to the teeth even though honeyed phrases are bestowed on each other by statesmen and post-prandial orators."

TAIKOO CLUB

Annual Ball Most Enjoyable

The Tai Koo Recreation Club was "dressed" in festive attire yesterday on the occasion of the annual ball, which was held last night.

The decorations were tastefully and artistically carried out and the numerous miniature coloured lights lent an added beauty to the whole surroundings.

There were no fewer than 220 guests present, all of whom spent a very jolly evening.

The various committees who were responsible for the arrangements were as under:

Reception Committee.—Messrs. G. McLeod (Chairman), J. H. Stewart and Stewart Hope (Secretary).

Cloak Rooms.—Messrs. T. C. Barclay, D. Peoples and Mrs. Peoples.

Decorations.—Messrs. J. Polson, R. Gray, T. Grimes, J. Russell, T. Young and W. Warnock.

Supper Room.—Messrs. Peoples, J. H. Stewart, Barclay and Polson.

Card Room.—Messrs. McLeod and D. B. Bone.

Bar.—Messrs. McLeod, Bone, C. S. Cameron and Hope.

M.C.'s.—Messrs. T. J. McCarri, G. H. Stewart, Russell, J. C. Chalmers and R. B. Bell.

A DESCENDANT OF LUTHER?

Berlin.—An interesting fact concerning the name of Lettow-Vorbeck, according to the reports made by the Historical Association in Darmstadt, is that this family is descended in the direct line from Martin Luther. The information is given by a Protestant pastor, Otto Sartorius, who has devoted long years to research into the annals of the Luther family, of which he is himself a member.

Not one of Luther's posterity in the direct line bears his own name, and that is why, says the "Frankfurter Zeitung," the erroneous belief prevails in Germany, as elsewhere, that they have died out. Nearly half of them are living to-day in Thuringia and Saxony, the other half has emigrated to America, Australia and Africa.

Among notable figures in Germany, the founder of the Zeiss optical works in Jena, Dr. Karl Zeiss, and the family Liebknecht, can claim direct descent. The former Chancellor, Dr. Luther, is a descendant of Martin Luther's brother Jacob, who was a certain family of the Liebknecht family, as well as the far-famous Beckers, Benders, Burkers, Bohns, Horns, Lagers, Landers and Schabers.

Side-light on allied co-operation during the last year of the war are given by an American, who is quoted in this column, as having been in the front line.

MOTORISTS' ANNUAL DINNER

PRESIDENT AND PROPOSED TAXATION

GROWTH OF KOWLOON

The annual dinner of the Hong Kong Automobile Association was held last night on the Roof Garden of the Peninsula Hotel which presented a gay and animated scene. An excellent dinner was served and the guests danced to a well arranged programme of music.

Twofold Purpose

Mr. Ho Leung, the President, in the course of his speech said:

I am afraid I might be accused of perpetrating a mixed metaphor when I say that I am running on thin ice when I hark back to the burning question proposed early last year for levying a petrol tax with the addition of \$2 per unit of horse-power on motor-car owners. The net effect of the recommendations of the Committee appointed by Government to consider the question of motor taxation in Hong Kong, if carried out, would be to increase very greatly the cost of motoring in the Colony and incidentally deal a blow on the vital principle of Free Trade which has contributed so much to Hong Kong's prosperity in the past. The Automobile Association duly made representations to the Government which, it is earnestly to be hoped, will have removed the cause for complaint in this matter.

At one time whippersnappers heard that the system for the granting of permits for the erection of petrol stations on the Island and in Kowloon might be improved. The very presence of the general Director of Public Works amongst us this evening must dissipate the fear that his department, which provides and looks after the roads for the benefit of motorists, among others, in the Colony, can be otherwise than friendly to that section of the community who to-day enjoy roads so perfectly modelled as the one we see in the main thoroughfare of Kowloon.

The presence of Mr. T. H. King encourages the hope that between him and his Chief and our fellow-citizens on this side of the harbour an acceptable scheme will be evolved for the "Star" Ferry Square at Kowloon, that will meet the needs of Kowloon residents and at the same time provide adequately for the increased motor traffic on the mainland.

Appeal for Members

When it is considered that the number of all motor vehicles in the Colony exceeds 2,600, surprise must be felt at the smallness of the A.A.'s roll of membership. Five hundred is not nearly big enough for the Association's representations to carry full weight with the Government. On behalf of the Committee, therefore, I appeal to all motorists and motorcyclists in the Colony to join the Association.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga replied on behalf of the guests.

CAR COLLISION

Result of Case in Supreme Court

At the Summary Court yesterday before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood), hearing was resumed in the case in which Kan Hing claimed \$201.25 from Partap Singh as a result of a motor car collision near the traffic beacon at Pedder Street. At the previous hearing his Lordship expressed the opinion that the defendant's driver was liable and adjourned the case for evidence of the damage done to plaintiff's car, awarding also judgment for the plaintiff on the counterclaim brought by the defendant owner for damage to his own car.

Neither defendant nor his solicitor appeared to give evidence. Mr. F. C. E. Kendall, for the plaintiff, proceeded with the case ex parte.

The account of the Mei Chow Garage accident to \$180 for repairing plaintiff's car was read by an employee of the firm and foreman in charge of repairs. The plaintiff, assessed his average earnings a day by hiring the car at \$15. On this sum there was a profit of \$7.25 a day. His Lordship assessed the total amount of damage and loss at \$185.50. Plaintiff was awarded this sum, the defendant to pay costs of the day's case.

Prison.—A Chinese named Chan, who was arrested on suspicion of being a member of the Chinese Revolutionary Army, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Old Tombridge Dinner, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

To-day—Honourable Company of Master Mariners' Dinner to Capt. O. H. Farrar and officers of s.s. Hatching, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Republic Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Victoria Recreation Club Fancy Dress Carnival, 9 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "The Pagan."

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Heart of a Nation," 5 p.m. only; "Madame Butterfly" (Italian Opera), 9.15 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre, "Fazio."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Red Hair."

To-morrow—Star Theatre, "Barbiers de Siviglia" (Italian Opera), 9.15 p.m.

Lammert's Auction

January 20—At Sales Room, Duddell Street ladies' shoes, 11 a.m.

Sports

To-day—Entries close for Hong Kong Jockey Club annual race meeting, 3 p.m.

To-day—Entries Close for Hong Kong C.C. Tennis Tournaments.

To-day—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Point-to-Point, Pott's Bungalow, 3.45 p.m.

To-morrow—Fanning Hunt and Race Club Hounds Meet, Pott's Bungalow, 3 p.m.

Meetings

January 21—Meeting for Society for the Protection of Children, etc., City Hall, 5 p.m.

February 11—Forty-second General meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's, 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-morrow—Yung Chi College Exhibition of Handwork, 10 a.m.

January 21—Public lecture at Helena May Institute on "Gothic Art" by Father Finn.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 355 metres:

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report.

7.9 p.m.—Experimental Relay Transmission.

9 p.m.—Evening Programme of H.M.V. and Victor Records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.

Gipsy from "Cavalleria Rusticana"; "Blossoms of Orange"; "Alto Song"; "Lola's Ditty"; "My Love of Rosalie"; "Santuzza's Aria—Drinking Song"; "Easter Anthem (Mascagni)"; Victor Opera Company. Mixed Voices with Orchestra.

Gems from "Pagliacci"—Bell choros—This Evening at Seven—Ye Birds Without Number—Pagliacci's Lament—Just Look, My Love—Sea, Thy Comp. (Leoncavallo)—Victor Opera Company. Mixed Voices with Orchestra.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

"Old Time Song" by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

Dance Music.

10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

RED FOR WEDDINGS

Red has been and will be much worn at winter weddings. It is a cheerful colour, that enlivens the darkness of church and a grey atmosphere alike. Green now defies superstition, and is freely worn from the apple shade to darkest navy. In London at least, blue, in the light tone and darkest navy, has found favour.

Lady Carron and Lady Winterburn are among those who successfully wear dark blue.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. S.M.S. Express of Canada, arrived at Shanghai on January 17, at 2.30 p.m. leaves for Hong Kong on January 18, at 10 a.m. (Mon.) at 2 p.m. She leaves for Hong Kong on January 21, (Tue.) at 4 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD and MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

MEMBERS of both Guilds are hereby informed that a Combined Meeting will be held on MONDAY, January 20, 1930, at 5 o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS:—Revision of Wages. T. T. LAURENSEN, W. J. STOKES, Branch Secretaries, Hong Kong, 18th January, 1930.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction,

ON MONDAY, January 20, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales Room, Duddell Street, 160 Pairs Ladies' Shoes (to be sold in separate lots). On View on Day of Sale. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT, BROS. Auctioneers, Hong Kong, January 17, 1930.

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Arriving here from Shanghai yesterday on the s.s. Karmala, was Mr. C. W. Abrams, the Far East representative of Messrs. Roots, Ltd., the largest motor car agents and distributors in London. Mr. Abrams is on an extensive tour of the East, demonstrating Hillman, Humper, Bentleys, and Commercial trucks, with the idea of improving British trade in the East.

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The above four mentioned motor car manufacturers have joined with Messrs. Roots, Ltd. in a huge \$1,000,000 combine for this purpose. Cars are being offered for sale in the Far East at stupendous discounts to compete with the American market. Mr. Abrams in an interview remarked that he has met with every success so far in his tour.

Mr. Abrams leaves to-night for Shanghai, Tientsin and Japan. On the return trip home, Mr. Abrams will visit Siam and Indo-China.

THE HIGH STEPPERS

Reappearing at the Majestic Theatre

The celebrated company of British vaudeville stars, "The High Steppers," will make their return appearance at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon to-morrow.

Bert Beale, comedian and juggler, Sidney Clark, dancing violinist, Miss Alice Bennet, soubrette and dancer, Mahomet Kassim, Indian vocalist on their previous appearance, proved themselves artists of high class ability, and presented a programme which drew capacity houses each night, and sent the audience away perfectly satisfied.

The above troupe have three additional artists this time. They are, Coleen Dawn, singer of Irish ballads; "Speedy" Pete, clown comique and clever comedy acrobat, and Miss Eily Webber, dashing serio and terpsichorean artist. This company, forming one of the biggest aggregation of entertainers, will be accompanied by a fine class orchestra under the direction of Mr. H. E. Nicholson. There will be a thrilling football picture, "One Minute to Play," starring Red Grange, the idol of the American fans.

"The High Steppers" will appear only at the 9.20 p.m. show. During the afternoon shows, 2.30, 5.30, and 7.30 p.m., there will be the added attraction of "Pete" and "Cass," comedy acrobats and clown comiques.

PETTY THEFTS

At the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, an unemployed Chinese was given seven days' jail for stealing two planks of wood from the Yau Yau Yau building contractor, Shamshing, while a Chinese student, a native worker was sentenced to one month's hard labour for the theft of 15 cartons of preserved pork and one piece of monkey skin, from Y. Wong Chuk Street.

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2046D	Lucky Me, Lovable You	Love Ain't Nothing But the Blues	Waltz
2045D	Singing in the Bath Tub	Little By Little	Waltz
2034D	Song of the Bayou	Georgia, Pines	Waltz
2030D	What is Life Without Love	To Be Forgotten	Waltz
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FRENCH DRAMA

Interview With M.
Bernard

M. Jean-Jacques Bernard, one of the finest of modern French playwrights, was in London to attend the final rehearsals of his play "Marine", which, translated into English by Mr. J. Leslie Frith, was produced at the Gate Theatre. This is the fourth of his plays to be seen in London, the others being "L'Amour en Peine", "Le Printemps des Auteurs", and "Le Feu qui Reprend Miel". The last-named is now being successfully acted at the Comedie Francaise.

I had a short talk with M. Bernard, writes The Observer Theatre Correspondent, just before he left for France, in which I asked him if his plays could be said to be fairly representative of a modern movement in French drama. He is a shy, sensitive, ascetic-looking man, and he replied that he would much rather talk about his fellow-playwrights than about himself.

"It is difficult," he said, "for any author to disentangle the tendencies of his own generation, but since the war there has been a most decided movement towards freedom of expression in the French theatre. Modern playwrights have burst the bonds and enlarged the theatrical domain."

"The extraordinary thing is that people with entirely different talents are working towards the same end. I am usually classed with Valdres, as there is the same sort of simplicity about our work. Then there is Lenormand (of whom I am a profound admirer), who dives into the subconscious. Gaudin, the author of "Mars", strikes the note of symbolism, and other representative moderns are permeated with expressionism, and Jules Romains, whose play "Dr. Knock" has been seen in London."

"All these playwrights have different mediums of expression, and yet they represent a similar tendency, an attempt to break away from the old dramatic tradition. Really if one tried to trace the

tory of the movement to its source one would go back to St. Georges de Bouheller, whose "Children's Carnival" was written during the war and produced in London in 1920.

"I think it is significant," M. Bernard continued, "that M. Gaston Baty, who is to become director of the magnificent new Pigalle theatre in February, has chosen for his first three productions Rouheller's 'La Vie d'une Femme', Lenormand's 'Le Simoun', and 'Martine'."

Copeau was mentioned as the whole thing. Every modern author in France owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Copeau," he said.

"And British playwrights?" I asked.

"I am a very great admirer of Bernard Shaw and particularly of 'Saint Joan' and 'Heartbreak House'. When I was in Britain last I met Mr. Shaw, who told me that he considered 'Heartbreak House' his best play. I agree with him. 'Journey's End' is excellent and so useful. I was in the war and now I am a pacifist. I thought the best thing in Mr. Sherriff's play was the scene between Stanhope and Hibbert. There was great understanding in the writing of that scene."

STERILISATION

Experiments Banned
By Doctors

Vienna.—Professor Scherz's experiments have aroused some controversy. Following his discovery of a simple method of sterilisation, he was hailed in so quarters as a benefactor of the race.

But the German doctors of Styria have excluded him from their union on the ground that he is "a danger to the country and to ethics." He is no longer permitted to lecture at the University at Graz, the capital of Styria for the same reason.

A Social Democratic deputy recently asked questions in Parliament on the subject, declaring that the treatment of a "deserving public meeting" Professor Scherz was assured of the confidence and admiration of a large number of people.

CORRESPONDENCE

WANTED — A CABARET

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir,—If only there was another "Fesse" (mosque) the F. Willoughby in Hong Kong, Hong Kong would not even need a Cabaret, for what is more delightful than a pair of Fesses.

Yours, etc,
EASILY SATISFIED.
Canton, January 17.

A GENUINE AGREEMENT OF NATIONS

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir,—Many of your readers would doubtless be interested in the following article, by Mr. William Griffith, who is said to have travelled in most countries and who has written to the Kancel der Volksgemeinschaft (Office of National Community), Leipzig CI, Johannesgasse 4 II, as follows:

Last year I travelled again in various countries, and studied the people carefully. In doing so I noticed several very remarkable things. Everywhere I found well-intentioned and peace-loving men and women, who do their duties conscientiously and who have no grudge or grievance against other nations. There are a few discontents who manifest national and political fanaticism.

I noticed that these men were under certain influences. By observing these people during the last ten years, I am convinced that there is a secret society spread throughout the world, whose aims are contrary to the welfare of other nations. This secret society is hidden under many different and harmless names, its unmistakable aim is the economical and political control of all the other nations throughout the world. I am in possession of absolute proofs.

The attainment of the said end is facilitated by the ignorance, apathy and want of suspicion of the peoples, together with the concealed and cunning methods that have been steadily improved and developed to a fine art. This secret society which camouflages itself under many different names, we call.

"The Hidden Hand"

In various characters the members of this society have penetrated into all sorts of societies and influential positions; to-day they are not only in the Parliaments and Councils, but also in the Governments, as well as in all public authorities where there is influence and advantage to be obtained, and they never forget to benefit the other members of this secret society, as well as to further its interests.

In view of the blind confidence of the honest nations, one cannot wonder that the Hidden Hands are already in possession of the greater part of the powerful positions. One of their cleverest moves was to get possession of all influential newspapers, so as to lead public opinion, and prevent the exposure of their acts by censoring the contents. By these means they rule not only the parties and Parliaments, but also the economic life of the peoples, banks and exchanges.

Under these circumstances it is most difficult to enlighten the nations with regard to the danger. The masses are filled with prejudices by the press, so that they hardly recognize the truth. The conspirators have not despised the use of their nearly unlimited money to buy the most talented leaders, and under the false pretences of freedom—make them serve the most brutal tyranny of usury.

DIVORCE PROBLEM

Husband And Wife
And The Dog

Zoltan Sarkany, a Budapest wholesale merchant, recently filed a petition for divorce on the ground that both he and his wife had outgrown their affection after two years of marriage. It appeared, however, that neither the petitioner nor his wife had outgrown their affection for a Doberman dog to which both were equally devoted. As the Sarkany's were unable to decide on the fate of the dog, which they desired to be legally included in the verdict, they were obliged to postpone the making absolute of the divorce until some agreement could be arrived at.

The citation of a similar problem in a Berlin newspaper eventually caused the husband to propose that the dog should remain his property, and be lent to the wife for an hour on one day of each week. The wife retorted with the counter-proposition that the dog should remain in her possession, and be lent to the husband for several hours at a time on several days of the week. And on this arrangement the divorce was finally concluded.

Thus the civilisation of mankind, under the delusion of going forward into an age of the greatest intellectual and political freedom, is really held in the most disgraceful bondage. These secret despots use their power to breed artificial discord between classes and nations according to the principle "Divide and Rule."

The World War was the work of the Hidden Hand. It served to shift more of the riches of nations into the hands of these secret despots, and to perfect their secret dictatorship. Also the League of Nations continually feel the pressure of the Hidden Hand.

The deliverance of the honest nations is only possible by exposing these intrigues. These friendly statements are intended to serve this purpose. A bond of friendship and understanding must be formed between all honest and truth loving men. All nations have been deluded and tricked and they have good reason to have compassion for one another. The Germans are reproaching themselves for neglecting world politics, and feel that their national interests are not being served. The French, British, American and Italian peoples are just as simple and ignorant of these matters as the Germans. They do not realize the intrigues of the Hidden Hand.

May these words go out into all the countries throughout the world, and open the eyes of the suffering peoples.

(signed) WILLIAM GRIFFITH.
Whatever readers may think of the truthfulness or reasonableness of the above, the fact that the article has been translated into German, French and other languages and circulated widely in the various countries of Europe is evidence of an increasingly large number of people taking an interest in the subject.

ANTI-RED.
Shanghai, January 10.

THE YELLOW PRESS

A Recent Growth in
Prague

A campaign has opened in Prague against the "sensational Press." Since the war there has been an enormous increase in the number of newspapers published in the city. Most of them are the organs of the political parties; some of them are so small in size that they resemble the advertising bills of big stores.

Quite recently, however, the sensational afternoon paper, written to appeal to those people who wish to read something exciting over their afternoon coffee, has raised its head. This kind of paper is something new in Prague, which prides itself upon a moral, well-behaved, healthy population. Now, it seems, Prague has something in common with Vienna, Berlin, Budapest, and New York.

A well-known University professor is painfully surprised to find that it is not just "common people" who buy and read these sensational productions, but members of the so-called "better classes," people who are not ashamed to read the disgusting rubbish in restaurants, trams, and buses.

In any case, the circulations of the offending papers have risen to staggering figures. While they do not feature pictures in the manner of that classic, the New York Daily Graphic, these papers follow the tradition, with specially revolting details of murders and all other kinds of violence. Public irritation reached its height during a recent murder case, when the whole of this sensational Press stooped to defame the good name of a poor young Slovak girl who was murdered in Prague.

The National Women's Council of Czechoslovakia has entered a strong public protest against the abuse of journalistic freedom. It suggests that no woman shall buy such newspapers, or allow them to circulate in the offices where they work, or allow their children to read them. The Prager Presse has just published a series of articles on the topic by well-known public men and women. But while some cry aloud for a censor, others think that invoking the law is no remedy. They think that strong public opinion will eventually stamp the evil out. One man says that a daily injection of this kind of reading leads to lives of crime and immorality, and call for stricter legislation.

Viewed from the standpoint of the owners of these papers, the question is an economic one. The editor of one such successful paper recently declared that when he promised and advertised a new political "sensational" paper only sold 700 more copies than usual, while "a well-played" murdered brought in 20,000 more readers for the issue.

HAUPTMANN'S
"GHOSTS"NEW PLAYS PRODUCED IN
VIENNA
NIGHTMARE BALLAD

Gerhart Hauptmann has been very warmly received in Vienna. He went there to attend the final rehearsals of the Burghtheater's first production of his two new one-act plays, "Die Schwarze Maske" and "Hexenrit," performed under the title of "Spuk." The first work is a kind of tragedy, and was well received. The second work had a rather mixed reception. In the "Schwarze Maske" we are taken to a little Silesian town, in the year 1662, after the termination of the Thirty Years' War. Things are still in a turmoil, and plague is threatening. The burghmaster's beautiful wife is haunted by several ghosts during a feast, and we are left to surmise whether she finally kills herself or is killed by her negro lover. The Burghtheater gave an impressive performance of the play. "Hexenrit," a dream-play, is in sharp contrast with the preceding nightmare ballad. The author presents it in a somewhat trifling spirit, intended to cheer the audience after the horrors of the first play. The audience, however, considered "Hexenrit" inferior to the "Schwarze Maske," an opinion shared by some of the critics.

WHAT NEXT?

Comment on New Nail
Varnish

Brightly tinted finger nails are being hurried into the vortex of criticism almost to the same extent as long skirts. Nevertheless, both are adopted by those who like them and can wear them. The song of the critics will be "What next?" when Madame Antoine's new nail varnish appears in public, as it no doubt will, to start off with at evening parties. This varnish is going to be christened "vernis précieux," which seems most glowing as it does on finger nails like mother-of-pearl in a natural tint, rose, red, mauve, or green.

The green is a tone between emerald and jade, and though it might sound fantastic, one can imagine it looking quite attractive worn occasionally with some of the lovely new Louisboulanger chiffon dinner and evening gowns. One in particular has a bodice made of printed chiffon, which is also fashioned into a full pannier movement below the waist to fall over a straight, softly clinging underskirt of plain green chiffon.

This pannier movement is reminiscent of the Watteau shepherdess styles and a distinct remove from princesse silhouettes. The characteristic is more remarkable when willow green faille is posed over willow green chiffon and black and pink check taffeta over pink chiffon.

NEWER MILLINERY

Very Varied and Much
Improved

For years our dress designers, jewellers, and milliners, and those who contribute to the different branches of arts and crafts have been trying to evolve suitable styles for each occasion.

We were tired of nothing but "cloche" shapes that in all their varieties were just a "head covering" and made every class and type look the same.

True, there are many hats, caps, and head coverings in the modern mode that "fit the head" very closely, but even in helmet form they express some sort of side line.

Even the hard, brow-revealing shapes now allow a curl or two to show. Then, once again, there are real hats, such as a new velvet turban with a definite curly brim, with feather fronds sweeping the border. A tricorn in beaver, youthful caps made in silk and velvet that fit the head like a cologne but cut at one side to show eyes and hair, or a new sports hat with a "split" one-sided brim in soft fabric, stitched and inserted with contrasting stichery, chenille, or braid. In fact, the newer millinery is very varied and much improved.

Soft straws and fabric destined for early Riviera sun recall simple mid-Victorian styles, with far more line, however, and a delicate touch in trimming.

MONEY LEFT

Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. Choi Yat-wai, otherwise known as Juan Choi, in the estate of Choi Cheung Shu King, otherwise Rosa Chan de King, who died intestate on June 1, 1929, and who left property in the Colony to the value of \$7,300.

THE "LAME DUCKS"
AT WUCHOWS.S. KONG SO REFOLOATED:
KOCHOW STILL ON ROCKS
NO NEWS OF TAI HING

Further news as to the three steamers lying aground at Wuchow was contained in a Naval Wireless message this morning which stated that the s.s. Kong So was refloated yesterday and has proceeded down the river. The s.s. Kochow is still on the rocks and vessels going up river have been warned to proceed at a slow speed when passing her. No mention was made of the s.s. Tai Hing.

ITALIAN OPERA

Fine Performance of
"Rigoletto"

An outstanding feature of the performance of "Rigoletto," given last night by Signor Carpi's Italian Grand Opera Company, was the achievement of Signor Reali as the jester, Rigoletto, whose admirable voice never once failed him in the more difficult songs of Verdi. Powerful, with a resonant timbre and a magnificent range and volume, his fine baritone voice literally triumphed in the song mourning the death of his beloved, Gilda. One was also given immense pleasure by the singing of Mlle. Deaulda, as Gilda. In the higher notes her voice came easily and richly, and her range and power are quite remarkably good. The dramatic technique of both Signor Reali and Mlle. Deaulda was likewise of a high standard, and not, as in many operatic performances, merely secondary to the music.

The other members of the cast performed their parts exceedingly well. Signor Parnello as the gay young Duke of Mantua, besides cutting a pleasing figure in his Renaissance costume, sang richly. He has not the dramatic sense of Signor Reali, however, and inclines one to the belief that he is thinking overmuch of his song or his audience, instead of realising himself as the principal actor in a tragedy. His voice suggests feeling, but not his manner.

The story of the Opera, adapted from Victor Hugo's drama "Le Roi s'Amuse," is laid in the 16th century, and must be too well-known to readers to recount here.

The Opera Company will repay a visit, even to the most discriminating and fastidious patrons. "Madame Butterfly" will be performed this evening.

WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1930:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1929	1930
Tyatam	15' 6" B	17' 2" B
Tyatam Bywash ..	24' 6" B	19' 5" B
Tyatam Intermediate ..	2' 2" B	0' 7" B
Tyatam Tuk	47' 6" B	31' 11" B
Wong Nei Chung ..	24' 4" B	18' 1" B
Pokfulum	23' 0" B	10' 1" B
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"]		
Storage, in million and decimals of gallons.	1929	1930

Tyatam	236.14	255.50
Tyatam Bywash ..	50	5.53
Tyatam Intermediate ..	183.90	192.65
Tyatam Tuk	522.00	757.42
Wong Nei Chung ..	7.03	10.55
Pokfulum	18.60	42.38
Total	998.53	1,301.93

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1928	1929
Consumption	150.41	210.64
Estimated population ..	428,260	438,580
Consumption per head per day ..	14.3	15.5

Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during December, 1929.

From December 1 to 31, 1929, a 12-hour supply (6 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rider Main Districts. Principal Mains closed (6 p.m.—6 a.m.).

KOWLOON WATER WORKS

	1929	1930
Kowloon Reservoir 9' 6" B	0' 2" A	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	9' 6" B	9' 11" B
Reception Reservoir ..	1' 9" B	1' 9" B
Storage, in million and decimals of gallons.	1929	1930

Kowloon Reservoir ..	200.74	354.24
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir ..	104.10	70.28
Reception Reservoir ..	23.75	23.75
Total	328.59	427.27

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1928	1929
Consumption	109.78	119.23
Estimated population ..	169,220	173,260
Consumption per head per day ..	21.0	21.7

Constant Supply in all districts during December 1929 and 1929.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall: December 31, 1929, 71.16; December 31, 1929, 69.28.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/8 3/4
Bank, on demand ..	1/6 13/16
Bank, 30 days' sight ..	—
Bank, 4 months' sight ..	1/7
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/7 3/4
documentary 4 months' sight	1/7 3/4
On Paris—	
On demand	972 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1047 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	38 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight ..	39 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	104 1/2
On demand	104 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	104 1/2
On demand	104 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	67 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	76 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	79 1/2
30 days' sight (private paper) ..	82 1/2
On Yokohama—	
On demand	77 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tola) ..	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..	11.78
Silver (per oz.) ..	21
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Par.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest ..	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin ..	21 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin ..	1/4% prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.92
New York	4.86 1/4
Brussels	34.94 1/2
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	92.11 1/2
Milan	93.08
Berlin	20.37 1/2
Stockholm	18.13 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.21 1/2
Vienna	34.62
Prague	184.52
Helsingfors	193.34
Madrid	38.57 1/2
Lisbon	108.94
Athens	878
Bucharest	816
Rio	5 9/16
Buenos Aires	44 13/16
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Shanghai	2/0 1/2
Hong Kong	1/6 3/4
Yokohama	2 3/16
Silver Spot	21
Silver Forward	20 1/2

—British Wireless Service.

PASSENGER LISTS

ARRIVING

Passengers due to arrive from Singapore per s.s. Haruna Maru on January 19:—
Mr. and Mrs. A. Albarez, Miss G. Albarez, Mr. and Mrs. S. Eddy, Rev. and Mrs. G. Garden, Miss Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. K. Page, Mrs. C. E. Phipps, Miss Walker, G. G. Wood, J. Arricibara, J. Azucena, J. Azupur, P. L. Carranza, Mr. and Mrs. O. Doris, Miss M. Ebele, E. Garamola, R. Garamola, J. Garagarza, J. Hamaon, R. Hernandez, J. Ibarrobas, M. Ichnas, P. Ibarrobas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Izquierdo, J. Jauregui, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jauregui, J. Laruscain, T. Laruscain, W. O. M. Luceno, J. Maguregui, T. Mandola, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mitchell, Miss D. J. Mitchell, Miss E. Mitchell, J. M. Munoz, J. Olanio, P. Olanio, Mr. and Mrs. G. Palau, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ridgway, J. Salsamendi, W. Tondor, J. A. Uribeite, T. Uriarte, J. Urquidil, A. B. Elton, T. H. Evans, R. Kolsa, Mrs. E. Mills and son, R. Musha, Mr. and Mrs. Rutz, J. Shioni, J. Takemaki, J. Takemaki, J. Comdr. J. Aulra, Mrs. L. S. Bryan and family, K. Fuchizawa, S. Hazama, Y. Hirose, D. Hijiwa, T. Iwada, Lt. Comdr. M. Inago, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kawamura, Miss M. Kawase, K. Kuroda, Mr. and Mrs. S. Matsuba, T. Matsumoto, Y. Morizumi, T. Okuni, Mrs. E. O. O'Regan, F. E. O'Regan, Mrs. R. Shimazaki.

Per s.s. Siberia Maru from Seattle on January 18:—
Chas. L. Oden, Mrs. A. E. Oden, Shiochi Matsumoto, W. M. Reid, Mrs. C. E. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Tanichiro Yoshida, Master Keichi Yoshida, Master J. Yoshida, Miss W. G. Holbeche, R. Robertson, E. L. Kilbourne, Mrs. H. M. Kilbourne, Mrs. O. W. French, Miss Pauline French, Master H. K. French, R. French, J. R. Javonik, M. Smell, V. Traskoff, J. K. Javonik, S. V. Renkavetsky, J. S. Renkavetsky, E. L. Harrison, H. L. Mar, John W. Leigh.

To Probe Skidding Secrets
A special motor cycle and sidecar has been built for the National Physical Laboratory experts, London, for the purpose of conducting a series of experiments on skidding.

Highly Motorised
It is stated that the London Metropolitan Police now have 220 cars in use.

Sport Columns

H.K. GOLF CLUB

Starting Times For To-morrow

The following are the starting times for the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club competitions for to-morrow:—

9.08 a.m.—H. G. Howard and W. J. Clerk.
9.16 a.m.—J. S. Dykes and C. B. Riggs.
9.24 a.m.—J. S. Drummond and F. M. Ellis.
9.28 a.m.—I. W. Shewan and S. Ldr. Bounphrey.
9.32 a.m.—O. E. C. Marton and A. H. Alexander.
9.36 a.m.—C. Thwaites and J. MacKnight.
9.40 a.m.—F. A. Howard and W. D. Harris.
9.44 a.m.—A. H. Ferguson and P. O. C. E. St. J. Beamish.
9.48 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and D. G. G. MacDonald.
9.52 a.m.—A. Langston and S. S. Perry.
9.56 a.m.—R. M. Henderson and A. Anderson.
10.00 a.m.—L. G. S. Dodwell and Major Aste.
10.04 a.m.—Capt. Blaxham and A. H. Musson.
10.08 a.m.—J. Smith and R. A. Campbell.
10.12 a.m.—V. M. Grayburn and E. Grimble.
10.16 a.m.—T. S. Whyte Smith and E. des Voeux.
10.20 a.m.—L. R. Andrews and Lieut. MacIntyre.
10.24 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and Sub. Lt. Moseley.
10.28 a.m.—A. C. Meredith and J. Hight.
10.32 a.m.—R. W. Taplin and E. D. Black.
10.36 a.m.—A. H. Penn and M. G. Mills.
10.40 a.m.—E. P. Streatfield and M. D. Scott.
10.44 a.m.—H. Hampton and J. S. MacLaren.
10.48 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and A. Leach.
10.52 a.m.—I. H. Geare and F. A. Redmond.
10.56 a.m.—W. Weight and W. C. Clark.
11.00 a.m.—J. W. Alabaster and G. W. Reeve.
11.04 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield and Major Beamish.
11.08 a.m.—W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy.
11.12 a.m.—A. B. Purves and O. Eager.
11.16 a.m.—J. D. Humphreys and J. R. Collis.
11.20 a.m.—J. D. Thomson and A. D. Humphreys.
11.24 a.m.—A. G. Coppin and G. H. Wilson.
11.28 a.m.—J. Forbes and E. M. Bryden.
11.32 a.m.—E. R. West and J. L. Bonnar.
11.36 a.m.—J. L. Adams and J. B. Lanyon.
11.40 a.m.—J. C. Kyle and D. J. Gilmore.
11.44 a.m.—C. E. Moore and D. S. Robb.
11.48 a.m.—C. Mycock and S. T. Butlin.
11.52 a.m.—G. E. Towns and M. B. Mathews.
11.56 a.m.—T. C. Monaghan and H. A. Lammert.
12.00 p.m.—N. K. Littlejohn and A. O. Brown.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

The Club team to meet the Army in the last triangular tournament match to-day on the Hong Kong F.C. ground at 4.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Backs: R. J. Griever, three quarters, G. A. L. Plummer, J. D. A. Hutchison, M. D. Scott, G. P. Lammert, half-backs, R. Churchill, J. L. Bonnar, forwards, R. C. Cherrill, A. D. Suttill, D. L. Milne, Day, E. R. West, T. Riddell, W. F. Peers, F. R. Burch, B. P. Massey.
Referee: Major Caddell.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Annual Meeting of Ellis Kadoorie

The annual athletic sports meeting of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians was held on the Indian Recreation Club ground, Soekumpoo, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering of spectators. There were 22 events on the programme, in all of which keen competition was seen, and an altogether enjoyable afternoon was spent by competitors and spectators alike.

Mrs. A. T. Hamilton gave away the prizes and at the close was accorded three hearty cheers on the call of Mr. Bishen Singh. She was also presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

THE RESULTS

Event 1.—High Jump senior:—1, Abdum; 2, Gurdial Singh; 3, Abdul Ahmed.
Event 2.—High Jump junior:—1, A. Be Hassan; 2, Mohd Syed; 3, S. M. Bux.
Event 3.—Three-legged race senior:—1, Mohd Darwood and H. Ali; 2, Abdum and Abdullah.
Event 4.—Three-legged race junior:—1, Ust. Esmail and A. Be Hassan; 2, Narayan Singh and Pradazal; 3, S. M. Bux and S. Ebrahim.
Event 5.—100 yards senior:—1, Gurdial Singh; 2, Abdum; 3, Abdullah.
Event 6.—100 yards junior:—1, Mohd Syed; 2, A. Be Hassan; 3, I. Dargood.
Event 7.—Sack race senior:—1, A. R. Kitchell; 2, Abdum; 3, A. H. Esmail.
Event 8.—Sack race junior:—1, A. Be Hassan; 2, S. Ebrahim; 3, G. R. Ali and W. Khan (dead heat).
Event 9.—220 yards senior:—1, Gurdial Singh; 2, Abdum; 3, Abdullah.
Event 10.—220 yards junior:—1, Mohd Syed; 2, A. Be Hassan; 3, S. M. Bux.
Event 11.—Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Abdum; 2, S. A. Ismail.
Event 12.—Class 3 race:—1, Mohd Yusuf; 2, Nazir Ahmed; 3, J. J. Talis.
Event 13.—½ mile senior:—1, Gurdial Singh; 2, Abdum; 3, D. Shamsuddin.
Event 14.—¼ mile race:—1, Mohd Barkat; 2, S. M. Bux; 3, Mohd Syed.
Event 15.—Class 7 race:—1, Hussain Ali; 2, Mohd Darwood.
Event 16.—Arithmetic race:—1, Abdullah; 2, S. Ebrahim.
Event 17.—Arithmetic race (lower school):—1, Abdum; 2, R. Shamsuddin.
Event 18.—Class 4 race:—1, Darwood Ali; 2, Omar Hossein.
Event 19.—Masters' race:—1, Mr. M. A. Khan, B.A.; 2, Mr. C. C. Tong, B.A.
Event 20.—One mile race:—1, A. H. Abbas; 2, R. M. Bux; 3, Tara Singh.
Event 21.—Old Boys' race:—1, D. Mohammed; 2, A. Hussain; 3, S. Hassan.
Event 22.—Consolation race:—1, Mohd Hassan; 2, Abdul Khan.
Senior Championship:—Gurdial Singh.
Junior Championship:—Mohd Syed.

POLO

Results of Tournament Games

A fine indication of the evenness of the strength of the sides on competition was afforded by the American tournament run by the Hong Kong Polo Club. The result of the matches played yesterday found the competing teams on even terms, which means that the tourney will have to be played all over again.

The results of the games played yesterday, one chukker each, were as under:—

Odd Lots beat K.O.S.B., 1-0.
Headquarters Officers drew with the Civilians, 1-1.
K.O.S.B. beat Odd Lots, 1-0.
Headquarters Officers drew with the Civilians, 1-1.

Owing to the illness of Col. Haskard, his place in the Headquarters Officers' team was taken by Lt. Kelly, K.O.S.B.

HOCKEY

Playing on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the H.K. Hockey Club lost to the Navy by three goals to two. The match was fast and interesting and both teams were in excellent form.

Caer Clark Cup
The Kowloon Ladies Hockey Club and the Club de Recreio ladies will meet in the first match for the Caer Clark Cup on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park at 3 p.m. to-day. The teams are as follows:—

Recreio: A. Roza, A. Basto, L. Silva-Netto, C. Botelho, M. Roza, M. Remedios, M. Alves, O. Basto, H. Leite, C. Osmond, L. Xavier.
Kowloon Ladies: M. Mason, M. Woolley, M. George, N. Field, P. Woolley, P. Whitley, D. Pinget, V. Eastman, E. Anslow, I. Rogers, E. Woolley.

HEAD OR BUST?

Czech Actress Sues A Sculptor

Madame Anna Sedlachkova, of the National Theatre, has brought an action against the talented Czech sculptor, Folt, who had been commissioned to make a marble model of the actress's head.

Recently Madame Sedlachkova was astonished and disconcerted to find a crowd outside one of the largest Prague art stores gazing with interest at a model, not only of her head, but of her naked bust as well. Several newspapers and magazines reproduced the work. The actress at once insisted that the (to her) offensive portions of the work should be suitably draped.

She was unable to obtain the removal of the model, and is now suing the sculptor for "semi-falsification." She declares that she sat to the sculptor only for a model of her head, certainly not for a full bust. On the other hand, the sculptor declares that the actress sat for him exactly as he has depicted her in the model. He says that one of the sittings took place in the presence of her husband, a Czech industrialist.



Primo Carners, the giant Italian heavyweight who won on a foul from Young Stribling in a recent bout in Albert Hall, London. He is shown taking on three of his partners in Regents Park.

TURKEY'S DAY OF REST

CHANGE TO BE MADE FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY

ECONOMIC EFFECT

Stamboul.—The Government has virtually decided that Sunday, not Friday, shall be the weekly day of rest. The decision has been widely commented on by the Turkish Press. It is understood that a draft law relating to the change is about to be laid before the Great National Assembly at Angora. The reasons for the reform are purely economic. It is one of the remedies the Government contemplates for the depression Turkey has experienced during the past three years.

In February, 1924, Turkey introduced a compulsory weekly rest-day. The choice fell on Friday, because on that day, more than on others, Mussulmans devote time to prayer, and because Turkey, after the Anatolian victory, wished to emphasise national sentiment. All the foreign administrations and banks accordingly had to close their offices on Fridays.

The Sheri law does not recognise a weekly day of rest. The Mussulman used to close his shop on Friday only for an hour or two about noon. There were many objections to the Government's choice of Friday as a compulsory rest-day. Financial transactions, for example, were obstructed, because banks, being closed on Sundays, were unable to communicate with the Occidental markets, and, owing to the closing of European stock exchanges, were unable to work normally on Saturdays and Sundays. Thus every week contained almost three days when economic activity was paralysed.

GHANDI SUSPICIOUS

Request For "Absolute Guarantees"

Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian leader, in a letter to Mr. Fenner Brockway, the Labour M.P. for East Leyton, who had urged co-operation as a step towards the solution of India's problems, writes as follows regarding the Viceroy's declaration on Dominion status for India:—

"I have done whatever was possible, but you will be patient with me if I do not take things quite on trust. I would want some absolute guarantees that things are not what they seem. The two Parliamentary Debates contain nothing, not even in Bann's speech, that would give me assurance that I may approach the Conference with confidence and safety. I would far rather wait and watch and pray than run into what may after all be a dangerous trap, maybe quite unintended."

"The Montagu reforms have proved illusory. They have not eased the misery of the poor. On the contrary they have demonstrably increased their burdens. The price that was paid for the reforms was altogether too heavy. I want to pay no price for Dominion Status, or whatever name the reality is called by. Why should a creditor have to pay anything for the repayment of debts due to him?"

"I will follow the methods that I have adopted throughout life, and as, for instance, in South Africa. Immediately I found that the events will shape themselves in the next few days I do not know. But I owe it to you to make my position as clear as I can in a brief letter dictated in the midst of an exacting tour, and at night after a fatiguing journey."

MR. G. B. SHAW AS SUN-WORSHIPPER

INVITATION TO "JOY OF LIFE BALL"

Mr. George Bernard Shaw may appear as the High Priest of Sun-Worshippers at the "Joy of Life Ball" organised by the People's League of Health, to be held at Covent Garden.

Miss Olga Nethersole, the founder and honorary organiser of the People's League of Health, told a reporter that she had asked Mr. Shaw to lead the Lido section of the pageant, which will depict sun-worshippers from the earliest times to the present day. It is suggested that Mr. Shaw should appear in his own wonderful sun-bathing costume, and act as the High Priest of these seekers after health.

Mr. Shaw has not yet replied to the invitation, but the prospects of his appearance are regarded as good.

BEFORE THE WAR

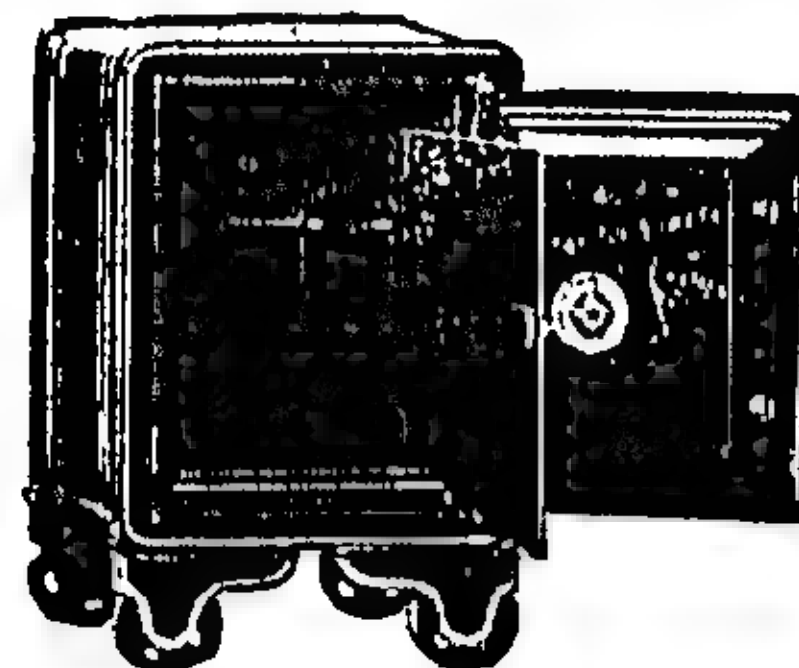
Foreign Office Records of Austria-Hungary

The publication by the Vienna Foreign Office of "Austria-Hungary's Foreign Politics from 1908 until 1914," in nine volumes, was decided on in April, 1925, under the Chancellorship of Dr. Ramek. After three years and a half of hard work the work has now been completed. The nine volumes contain some 7,144 pages, and the issue in such a comparatively short time is considered in Vienna a record in printing.

Perhaps an even greater feat is that of the four University Professors of History, who examined all the official documents—Professor Hans Uebersberger, an expert on the history of the Near East, who went through the secret deeds and the documents in connection with Russia and the Balkans; Professor Alfred Francis Pribram, who dealt with Germany, Western Europe, and the States; the present Education Minister, Professor Heinrich Srbik, and Professor Ludwig Bittner.

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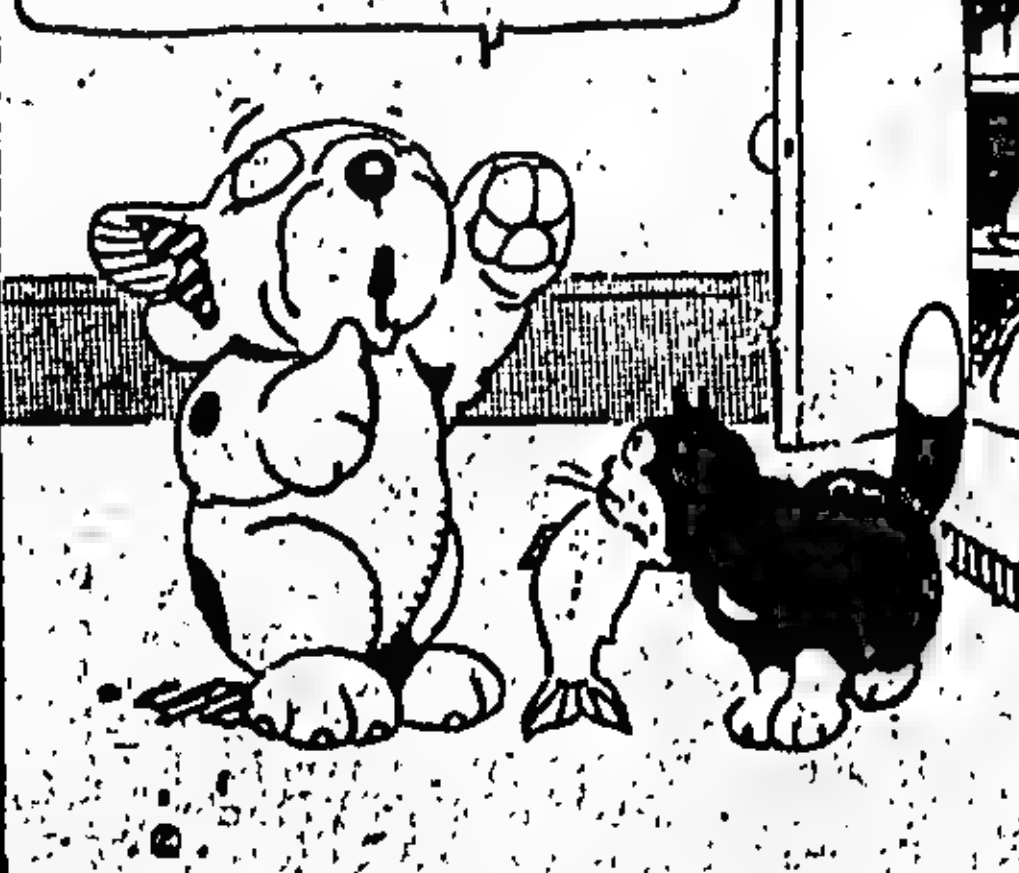
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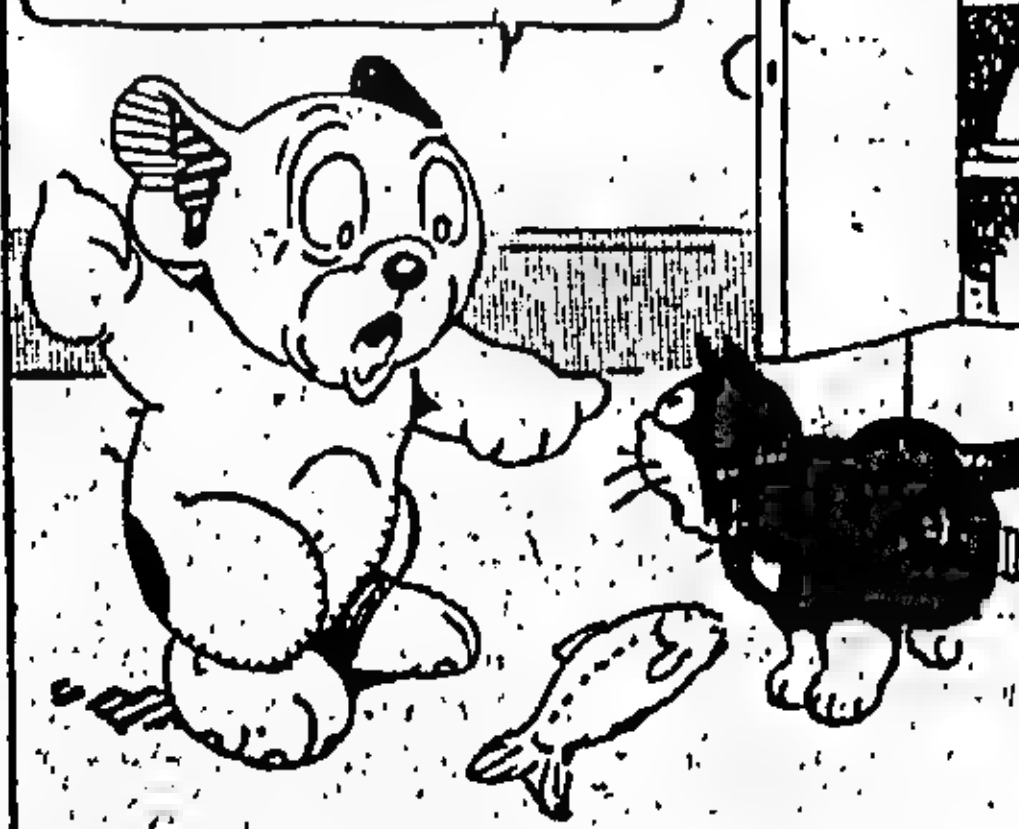
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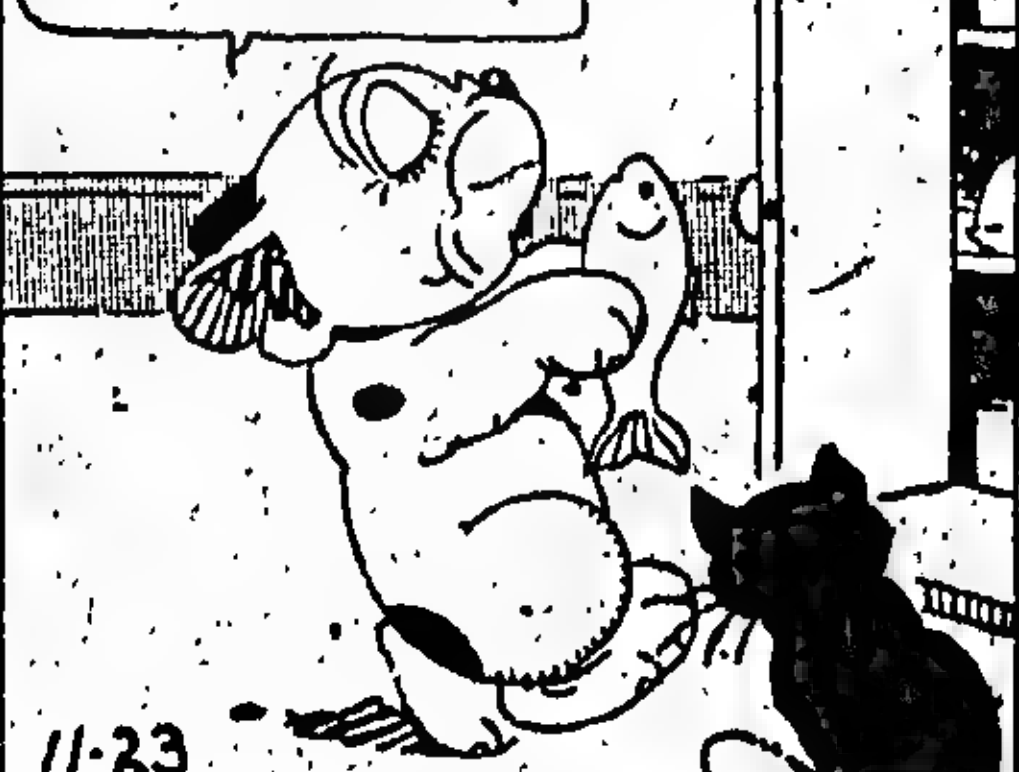
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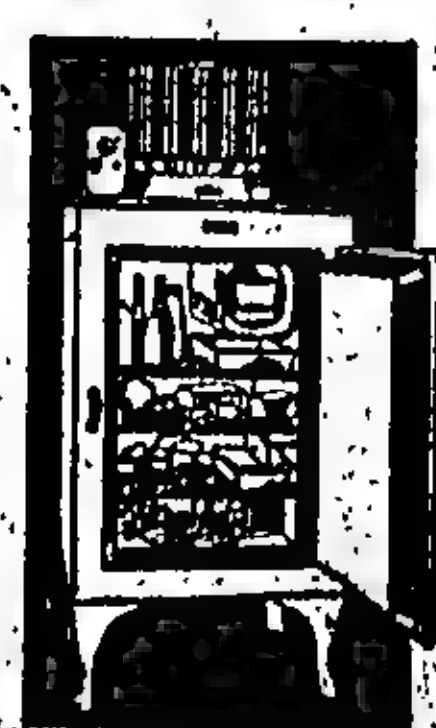


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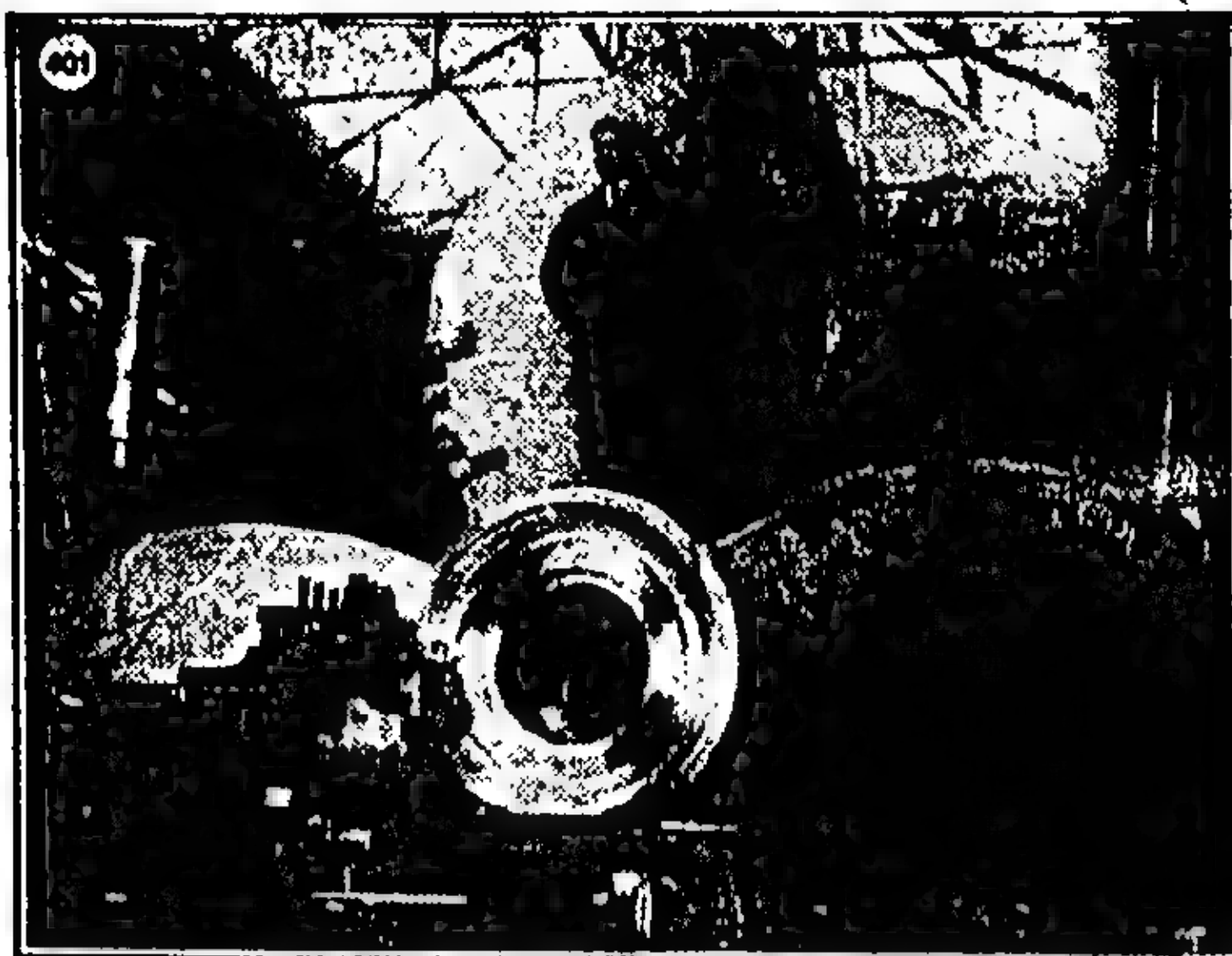
Hector Charlesworth, editor-in-chief of the Toronto Saturday Night and author of "Candid Chronicles", has been travelling over Canadian Pacific lines throughout the West on a combination holiday and business tour this summer. He is here seen in the grounds of the Empress Hotel Victoria which he visited for the first time since its construction. He was greatly impressed with the rapid growth and development of the entire city of Victoria.

\$1,000,000 Bequest



News from Chicago filled the humble home of Mrs. Louis Hutchinson, of London, with joy when she learned that through the demise of an aunt who had gone to Chicago more than twenty-seven years ago, she is the owner of \$1,000,000.

World's Largest Bronze Propeller



All in one piece—four blades and boss—the propeller shown above is the world's largest bronze propeller. It has just been made in the Charlton Works of J. Stone & Co., Ltd., for the new Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Japan," which will take up service between Canada and the Orient next July. More than 35 tons of special bronze was used in casting this "wheel," which is over 20 ft. in diameter. There are two of these on the new 25,000-ton vessel. They will absorb 15,000 shaft horse power each and will drive the liner at a speed of 21 knots.

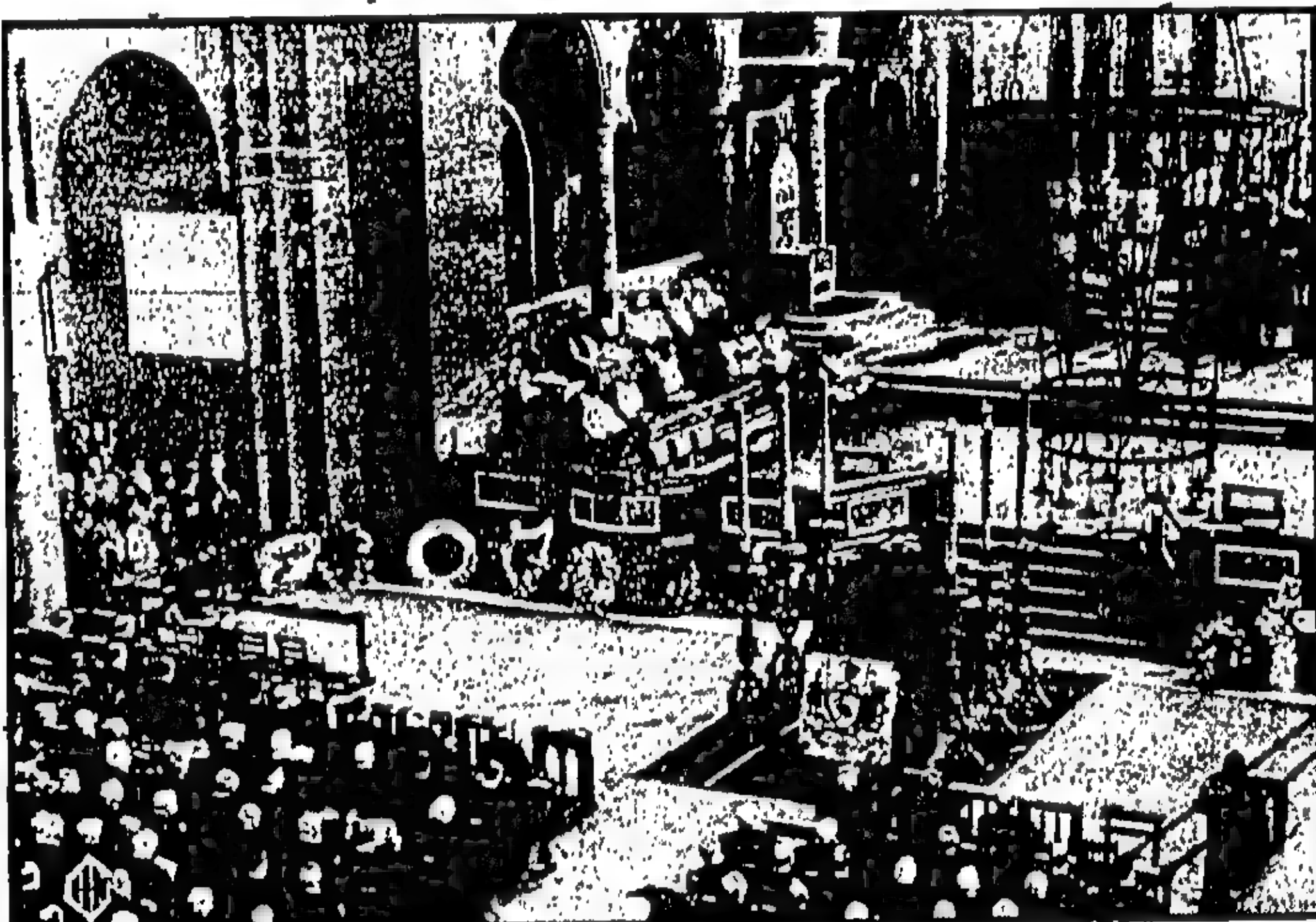
A strange feature of this manufacture is that the bronze is poured into the molds from below, thus ensuring perfect metal in all parts. After the casting has cooled and the molds have been removed the enormous screw is turned on a lathe and then planed in a special machine that keeps its pitch accurate. The "Empress of Japan" for which this propeller was made will be 662 feet long, will have a breadth of 83½ feet and all of this will be sent through the water at a speed of 21 knots by two propellers weighing 20 tons apiece.

Wyoming Man For Senate



Patrick J. Sullivan, Republican National Committeeman from Wyoming, has been appointed by Governor Frank C. Emerson to succeed the late Senator Francis E. Warren. Sullivan will serve until a successor is chosen at a special election this month.

Homage to "Tay Pay"



The funeral services for T. P. O'Connor, journalist and statesman, known as "Father of the House of Commons," was one of the most impressive gatherings which has ever been seen within the portals of Westminster Cathedral. The services were attended by statesmen, newspaper men and the general public.

Candidate for Peace Prize



Salmon O. Levison, Chicago lawyer, was reported to be a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. He is the author of what is now the world-famous plan for the outlawry of war.

Signs Into World Court



Jay Pierpont Moffatt, youthful Charge d'Affaires and interim of the American Legation at Bern, Switzerland, who was authorized by President Hoover to sign the World Court protocol on behalf of the United States.

Claims Fortune



Leonard Charles Gray Reed, fifteen-year-old worker in a Sheffield steel works, claims that he is the missing heir to the late William Emery, Birmingham, N. T. He has begun proceedings to recover a fortune of \$250,000 left by Emery.

Rail Heads Aid Amateur Sport



1.—Mr. E. W. Beatty.
2.—Mr. A. D. MacTavish.
3.—Sir George McLaren Brown.

Included among a number of prominent Canadians who are supporting the move to popularize British Rugby football in the Dominion are E. W. Beatty, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and honorary president of the newly formed British Rugby Union of Canada; A. D. MacTavish, vice-president eastern lines of the railway, and honorary vice-president of the Union; and Sir George McLaren Brown, European general manager of the company, who will second representation at the London headquarters of the British Rugby Union. It is hoped to bring together in Canada, amateur teams from all over the Empire. J. Fyfe-Smith, of Vancouver, is president of the Canadian Union.

Soviet Ambassador



Comrade Sokolnikoff has been named Ambassador to represent the Soviet in Britain. The post is one requiring great diplomatic skill. It is believed that Sokolnikoff's long experience as a statesman particularly fits him for the position.

Bryan's Daughter



Considerable significance is attached to the placing of Representative Ruth Bryan Owen, Democrat, of Florida, on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Mrs. Owen is the daughter of the late William Jennings Bryan.

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Another day try drawing an animal by figures. You know what I mean: Six for a nose, and nought for the head, and so on. Make up your own designs, and use what figures you like. It's wonderful what quaint pictures you can make in this way.



The "Old Scout's" Column.

"Kindness and Old Spanish gentleness are Proverbs great virtues," says an old Spanish proverb; and another says, "Obliged without regarding whom you oblige," which means be kind to every one, great and small, rich or poor.

The great point about these knights was that they were always doing kindnesses or good turns to people. Their idea was that every one must die, but we should make up our mind that before our time comes we shall do something worth while. Therefore do it at once, for we never know when we may be going off.

So with Scouts, it has been made one of our laws that we do a good turn to some one every day. It does not matter how small that good turn may be, if it be only to guide a little child across a street or to put a halfpenny in the poor box. Something good ought to be done each day of your life, and you should start to-day to carry out this rule with renewed vigour, and never forget it, even after you cease to be Scouts. Remember the knot in your scarf—the reminder to do a good turn.

When the Russians were besieged in Port Arthur by the Japanese, who got close up to their fort by digging long, deep trenches, into which the Russians were not able to shoot. On one occasion, they were so close that a Russian soldier was able to throw a letter into the enemy trench. In this letter, he said that he wanted to send a message to his mother in Russia, as she was very anxious about him; but as Port Arthur was cut off from all communication he begged that the Japanese would send the message for him; and one enclosed a gold coin to pay the cost. The Japanese soldier who found the note, instead of tearing it up and keeping the gold coin, did what every Scout would do, took it to his officer, and the officer

ROUND THE CAMP FIRE

Scouts in Kilt

PROPOSED FORMATION OF SCOTTISH TROOP

It is understood that a Scottish troop of Boy Scouts is shortly to be formed in Kowloon. Mr. R. M. Dyer is actively interested in the project and those who are interested in the project and those who are interested should get in touch with Mr. W. C. K. Mackie, of the Kowloon Docks.

If the new troop is established, it should be a striking addition to the local Scout Movement, as, it is understood, the kilt will be worn by the laddies as part of their uniforms. It is also hoped to form a Pipe Band in connection therewith.

OLD PATHS IN AFRICA

WHY THEY ARE ALWAYS WINDING

THE SLAVE ROAD

In Africa, long before the British came and built roads (says a British writer), small paths wound in and out of the bush, from village to village. These paths remain to-day and are still used. They are always winding because they were made by the feet of the natives who trod them, and a native cannot make a straight line.

These paths, when you see them in open grass country, wind in and out like a corkscrew. They are very narrow because they were worn by men walking in single file, as the natives always walk. Nowadays they are very often trodden by white men because there are still comparatively few roads for cars. The District Commissioner goes along these winding paths from village to village to hold his courts. The paths run through the bush, and one wonders about the first people who trod them, because they must have cut a way between the cactus thorn and wild aloe and other thick-growing things which, even when they are cut, leave sharp stumps that make walking dangerous and painful. There are parts of the bush through which only the rhino can force his way.

Native Pioneers

The little paths tell us that those first natives were pioneers, like the white men who followed them with road building. Both cut their way through this seemingly impenetrable bush, and one of these days the roads will intersect each other across Africa as the paths do now. And the paths, perhaps, will be forgotten and will presently disappear.

Sometimes this happens now when a village or a banana plantation is moved and there are no longer left to keep the path, and the coarse grass may grow over it from either side. But does a path ever quite disappear? Do we not feel that a man many years later might find the path beneath his feet, guiding him along its windings as it was made by runnings, naked feet to the village, or to where a village once was?

Pitiful Recollection

Men making roads now in Africa or elsewhere find traces of roads made or begun many years ago. So men set their mark on a country as though they made it their own, leaving something of themselves that shall last for ever. Late in Kenya engineers building a road at Kenya came across a strip of an old road abandoned a good many years ago. The bush had crept up on either side to swallow it, but these men found on the stones the wheel marks of the old caravans that used to go up and down from the Coast. In time the bush will quite cover these stones and the marks of the wheels until the road-maker comes that way again, and one feels

An Expansion Plan

GIRL GUIDES IN NEW YORK

New York.—Appointment of four New York women as committee chairman in the five-year expansion plan recently adopted by the Girl Scout convention in New Orleans, which seeks to increase the membership from 200,000 to 500,000 by 1935, has just been announced here.

Mrs. Arthur O. Choate will be committee chairman of the programme division; Mrs. Nathan L. Miller, chairman of the personnel division; Mrs. Frederick Eddy, chairman of the field division; and Mrs. Giles Whiting, chairman of the business division. All four are officers of the national Girl Scout organization.

That somehow he will be guided to the place where a road ran.

One of the oldest roads in Africa is the slave road, and parts of this still exist. Down this long road, all the way from Uganda to the Coast, the unfortunate slaves were marched in chains. In those days there were great slave markets in Zanzibar. One feels that something of pain and suffering must be left on that road, if our lives mark the road we tread as we mark our countries and our homes.

Paths Made by Animals

It is not only man who makes paths. Animals follow each other until a path is worn, goats and sheep and wild beasts, each treading where another living thing has trod before. There is always wonder and fascination in thinking about those feet that found the path first for others to tread. These African paths run through coarse elephant grass as high as corn, which very often meets over a man's head, through mealy plantations and banana trees, from one mud village to another. They were long before the White Man came to Africa, long before the first road was made. They wind before one into the bush, fascinating and mysterious.

Who has not been thrilled by a white road or path circling a hill. Who has not longed to follow it to the end? A road-making company, which explains perhaps how paths first came to be made when primitive man followed primitive man as he followed a beast. A road leads to a home at evening, where in open country a man moves naturally in a circle, and may never find his way.

The Old Garden Path

Once in an English garden we knew paths that had long been grown over but kept coming up through the grass and moss. The garden had been moved to the other side of the big house to catch more sun. The original garden was left free to go back in time to meadow.

But in many years it did not go back. Always the marks of the feet were there, and between the fruit trees that were left the paths showed under the moss, straight and regular paths, not like the winding paths of Africa. They showed at night under the moon, the paths on which no one walked, the flower beds where no one sowed. The old garden was there still, like the old paths.

Girl Guides' Grotto

There is not a single girl, I believe, who does not enjoy camping out, but half the art of camping consists in being able to make something out of nothing. The true guide is justifiably proud of the ingenious and useful "gadgets" she can make out of wood and bits of string. Gadgets made by the novices are often inadequate and shaky, usually because the wood is not strong enough for the purpose, or the string is insufficient, or the lashing too loose. But frequently failure is experienced because one of the most primitive and important principles of construction is unknown—the principle of the triangle.

That principle is worth explanation. If four pieces of wood are lashed together to form a square, it is very easy to press it into another shape, unless the lashings are remarkably good. But lash three pieces together to form a triangle, and you will find it impossible to press the triangle into any other shape, and amateurish lashings will not matter so much. For instance, if you make an ordinary boot rack with a front and back frame work, and put several struts (forming triangles) across any two of the corners, it is impossible for the boot rack to collapse sideways if the lashings are fairly firm and the wood is strong.

Any company which hopes to go camping should take square lashing as one of the seven knots for the second class test. It is slightly more difficult than the others, but it is immensely useful. The point is to make the flapping turns really tight. An inexhaustible supply of string is needed for gadget making. It is worth while to set the whole company collecting it some months before going to camp.

Gadget wood is sometimes hard to find on the camp site. Permission to cut wood often has to be obtained, and the cutting is done under the supervision of a guide who knows what pieces to cut and how to cut them. If wood can only be gathered, the guides are shown how to select suitable pieces for their gadgets.

GUESSING TIME

Time and distance are two things about which there is always great difference of opinion, and nearly everyone falls into error when judging time, even when they try to count the seconds. Usually, people who try to count a minute make it from 40 to 45 seconds. If you have not a watch you can mark time exactly with a piece of string and a lead plummet or small weight of any kind. It is used like the pendulum of a clock. If the string is 40 inches long, it will swing three-quarter seconds, and a string 10 inches long will swing half-seconds.

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S SISTER

Despite her seventy-one years, and undeterred by the recent rain, Miss Baden-Powell, sister of the Chief Scout, was recently under canvas in Sussex with detachments of girl guides, states a London writer. With her upright figure and alert manner B.P.'s sister could easily pass for a woman of fifty.

She herself attributes her health and youthfulness to her lifelong passion for camping-out. Miss Baden-Powell spent a fortnight going from camp to camp throughout the South of Britain, and staying a night or two at each.

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Prolonged cold snap causing, incidentally, deaths from exposure in Hong Kong and untold suffering elsewhere;

University congregation and notable speeches by the Chief Justice and Governor;

British vessel on fire in the harbour.

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PIRACIES AND WRECKS

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effect that whilst the Yuen Lee was swinging, she was struck on the port side by the Japanese str. Taian Maru and that a large hole below the water line was made by the bow of the latter vessel. The Yuen Lee sank within an hour and the wreck was a menace to shipping until the funnel and masts were removed by explosives. The hull, loaded with 3,000 tons of coal, still remains on the bed of the river, but at a depth which causes no inconvenience to ships negotiating the Bend.

November

We come to November 7 when the British str. Mollere swung across the river as a result of parting of her stern mooring ropes caused by the German str. Lahn passing at high speed. The former vessel grounded off but was later able to resume her position at the buoys. In going through our records we come across several similar instances.

December

On December 17, the Japanese str. Yotorofu Maru, inward bound, collided with H.M.S. Derfflinger at the British Naval buoy and sliding along the side of the man-of-war did considerable damage to herself and some to the cruiser. She dropped both anchors and swinging

crashed into the French gunboat Marne and then struck the French cruiser Waldeck Rousseau causing some damage and also damaging the buoy.

The last day of the year was not without an accident although not serious. The Dollar liner Free Jackson whilst swinging at the Dollar Wharf fouled a Chinese Government patrol vessel inflicting some slight damage. The American vessel then drifted and eventually became fast aground where she remained for 12 hours. She was towed off by tugs owned by the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co.

Accidents off the China Coast.

During 1929

The following shipping disasters and accidents are selected at random and are occurrences at sea which took place at points off the China coast other than in the approaches to Shanghai.

January

January 4. The British str. Taiming struck a submerged object at Tak Hou below Shui-Hing. The damage sustained necessitated dry docking.

January 10. The Portuguese str. Tifal and Dilly, collided in the Samshui area, both sustaining damage and necessitating repairs.

January 13. The Chinese m.v. Chingchangli struck a submerged rock off the Tai-chow Islands in a fog. The vessel sank in deep water off Nan Chia Islands. Many were drowned.

January 17. Near Ichang the American str. Chinan struck a rock and sustained considerable damage. The vessel was beached and temporary repairs carried out. Later she came to Shanghai for repairs.

January 30. The German m.v. Hsiang Chi struck a rock in the Upper Yangtze with much damage and was beached. Repairs were carried out at Ichang.

January 30. The British str. Klatang suffered extensive damage to hull and starboard engine after striking a rock in the Ichang area. She underwent repairs at Ichang and Shanghai.

February 17. Chinese str. Pinglu struck a reef in the Upper Yangtze. The boiler room was flooded and extensive damage was done to starboard side. The ship settled on the reef and later was boarded by robbers. Some cargo was stolen and the ship was burned to the water's edge. She became a total loss and finally was blown up on March 15.

February 12. H.M.S. Moth struck a rock about five miles below Fung Chuen (Wuchow district). Bottom ploughed and fore compartment flooded. Vessel settled down on rocks and was refloated on February 19.

She was towed to Hong Kong for repairs by H.M.S. Tarantula.

February 8. The British str. Kowchow grounded on the Dosing Bar (Samshui district). She was refloated and towed to Hong Kong with a broken propeller.

February 27. Near Amoy the boilers of the Chinese str. Siling were fractured and the subsequent escape of steam scalded 10 passengers to death.

February 17. The Chinese Government str. Chinking foundered near Yanglingchi. Casualties unknown.

February 20. In the Yangtze near Hankow the Chinese str. Yochow foundered. All lives saved by British tug Shunho.

March 26. U.S.S. Tutulla struck a rock near Hankow and sustained considerable damage. She was beached in a sinking condition. Temporary repairs were effected and the vessel proceeded to Shanghai for complete repairs.

March 30. The British str. Tungting struck a rock in the middle Yangtze. The damage was extensive and the vessel became a total loss.

Similar accidents occurred to the Japanese str. Wanpu, the Chinese str. Yuhang, and the American str. Mellu. Many other such occurrences are recorded in all parts of the Yangtze.

April 18. A large Chinese passenger junk in tow of the Chinese steam launch Tinchin foundered near the Whampoa barrier. The junk was overturned in a heavy squall and over 150 lives were lost.

April 12. Near Ningpo, the C.M.S. Hein Kiangteen was on fire at sea. Fire found to be in bulk saltpetre. One passenger was suffocated.

May 1. In the Kichow area, the French gunboat Regulus was in collision with the Japanese str. Taishan Maru. The Regulus was badly damaged and the merchant vessel sustained damage which necessitated dry docking.

May 13. The Chinese m.b. Man-sang was bombarded at the junction of the north and west rivers. The vessel was carrying Kwangsi soldiers. After they had landed, the boat was again bombarded by the Kwangtung gunboat and burnt to the water's edge.

May 8. The N.D.L. str. Travle-Kumsing was sunk in a typhoon in struck a rock at Sochachiki, the Samshui district and the crew Huquy Rock channel. Held in were rescued by the British str. port side in fore peak. Temporary repairs were carried out, and the motor launch called the Cheong-vessel entered drydock in Shanghai where she was repaired.

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June 14. Fire discovered on Chinese junk Kwongfat near Naval dock. Cargo consisted of gasoline

and kerosene. The burning junk drifted to sea and caused great anxiety amongst the shipping. It was flood tide and the junk eventually brought up at Pan Tia Bay well clear of shipping. Four natives were burnt to death.

July 15. The N.D.L. Derfflinger was stranded near Tsingtao after striking the Hsiao Kung Tao Rock on this date. It was not until August 25 that the vessel was made seaworthy by the Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co. and the Old Dock Co.

July 16. Chinese m.v. Hengan on fire at Chefoo in the Foochow district. Vessel became a total loss.

August 18. The Chinese str. Shenglee struck a rock off the south coast of Sand Island in the Haites Strait. She became a total loss. After they had landed, the boat was again bombarded by the Kwangtung gunboat and burnt to the water's edge.

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November 19. The Chinese str. Yungkia struck a submerged rock near Danyungshan and became a total loss. Casualties unknown.

STANDARD TIMES

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for January (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follow:—

January	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
18	7.05	6.02
19	7.05	6.03
20	7.05	6.03
21	7.05	6.04
22	7.05	6.04
23	7.05	6.05
24	7.05	6.06
25	7.05	6.07
26	7.04	6.08
27	7.04	6.08
28	7.04	6.09
29	7.04	6.10
30	7.03	6.10
31	7.03	6.11

Pilgrimages to the grave of the Roman Catholic priest, the Rev. Patrick Power, in Holy Cross Cemetery, at Malden (Mass.), have been forbidden by the Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal O'Connell.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong.
February 17th, 1930.

Stock	Closing Quotations 4 p.m. Friday, 17th	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate yield per cent. on annual dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid
Banks												
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. (London)	\$1,300 b \$1,305 sa \$116 nominal	+ \$5.00	6 %	\$20,000,000	160,000	\$125	\$125	\$6,000,000 \$14,000,000	\$3,307,812	31.12.28	Final div. 23 and bonus \$1 making \$7 for 1929	Pending
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	\$18 nominal		6 %	\$3,700,000	600,000	\$5	\$5	\$4,000,000	\$186,656	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 20/6d. free I/tax Interim div. of 14% p.a. a/c. 1929	Sept. 11, 1929.
Mercantile Bank of I. A. & C. Do.	\$27 1/2 nominal \$15 nominal			\$1,800,000	60,000	\$25	\$12 1/2	\$1,450,000	\$162,046	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 16%, less I/tax Interim of 8% a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929.
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	\$96 buyers		8 1/2 %	\$10,000,000	120,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,500,000 \$310,000	\$401,749	31.12.28	Dividend of \$6 for 1928 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929
Marine Insurance Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$715 buyers \$710/715 sales			\$2,500,000	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$1,041,285 \$1,821,710 \$2,381,661	\$1,657,848	31.12.28	Final of \$22 making \$40 for 1927. Int. of \$18 for 1928	May 23, 1929
Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ltd.	\$379 b. \$380 sa.			\$2,000,000	210,000	\$10	\$4	\$200,500 \$208,125 \$234,291 \$612,819 \$200,000 \$447,850 \$150,000	\$254,170	31.12.28	Final of 16/- for 1927. Interim of 24/- a/c. 1928	May 24, 1929
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	M. \$50 nominal		7 %	\$2,500,000	250,000	\$10	\$10				Dividend \$3 1/2 for 1928	June 28, 1929
China Underwriters, Ltd.	\$2 sellers	- \$0.10		\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$3	\$152,582 \$4,224 \$759,762 \$1,000,000 \$769,875 \$1,089,490 \$2,482,412 \$1,092,182 \$300,000	Dr. \$37,463	31.12.28	\$9 and bonus \$6 for 1927 and Interim \$3 for 1928	May 24, 1929
Fire Insurances												
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$340 buyers	+ \$5.00		\$2,000,000	40,000	\$100	\$20	\$2,300,000 \$1,799,836 \$512,071 \$100,000 \$186,486 \$180,074 \$50,000 \$1,542 \$368,831 \$438,861 \$185,000 \$200,215 \$250,698 \$364,677 \$236,178 \$127,917	\$907,311	31.12.28	\$9 and bonus \$6 for 1927 and Interim \$3 for 1928	May 24, 1929
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$820 buyers			\$2,000,000	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,799,836 \$512,071 \$100,000 \$186,486 \$180,074 \$50,000 \$1,542 \$368,831 \$438,861 \$185,000 \$200,215 \$250,698 \$364,677 \$236,178 \$127,917	\$675,329	31.12.28	\$43 for 1927	Mar. 26, 1929
Shipping												
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$25 1/2 nominal			\$1,000,000	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$186,486 \$180,074 \$50,000 \$1,542 \$368,831 \$438,861 \$185,000 \$200,215 \$250,698 \$364,677 \$236,178 \$127,917	Nil	31.12.28	Div. of \$4 for 1924	Mar. 28, 1928
H'kong, C. & M. S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$27 1/2 nominal		8 %	\$1,200,000	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$50,000 \$1,542 \$368,831 \$438,861 \$185,000 \$200,215 \$250,698 \$364,677 \$236,178 \$127,917	\$36,500	31.12.28	Dividend of \$1 for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$43 nominal \$70 nominal	+ \$0.50		\$1,200,000	120,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$180,000 \$98,712	\$15,113	31.12.28	Div. of 12/- at ex. 2/0 1/2 = \$5.94 a/c. 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares Div. of 80/- at ex. 2/6 1/2 = \$11.90 on deferred shares a/c. 1921	June 19, 1929 May 24, 1928
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$70 buyers		5 %	\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$180,000 \$98,712	\$40,038	31.12.28	Div. \$2 and bonus \$1 1/2 making \$3 1/2 for 1928	Feb. 15, 1929
Refineries												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$1 nominal			\$2,000,000	80,000	\$25	\$25	P. 244,000	nil	31.12.28	(In Liquidation) P. 3 a/c. 1928	April 11, 1929
Malayan Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$27 nominal			\$2,000,000	14,000	\$30	\$30	P. 244,000	nil	31.12.28	(In Liquidation) P. 3 a/c. 1928	April 11, 1929
Oil and Mining												
Kailan Mining Administration	\$5/- nominal	- 2/6	7 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	250,000	\$1	\$1	\$307,438		30.6.29	Final of 2/- free I/tax (Coupon No. 35) making 4/- for year ending 30.6.29	Dec. 19, 1929
Maatschappij tot, &c. Combined	T. 13.60 nominal			Tls. 1,825,000	250,000	Glds. 10	all	Tls. 158,186	Cr. Tls. 45,598	31.10.28	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-27	April 5, 1928
Do. Langkat-Singapore	Tls. 7 1/2 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	600,000	Tls. 5	all	Tls. 550,000	Dr. Tls. 496,213	31.12.28	T. 0.75 cts. for 1928	Feb. 15, 1927
Do. Exploration & Development	Tls. 1.30 nominal			Tls. 1,250,000	250,000	Tls. 5	all	Tls. 550,000	Cr. Tls. 16,691	31.12.28	Div. for 1928/1929, 2/6d. Interim of 1/6d. a/c. 1929/1930	Dec. 12, 1929
Do. Loan and Investment	Tls. 5 nominal			Tls. 200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000 \$10,000	\$7,321	31.3.29	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c. 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Jan. 6, 1930
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$12 1/2 buyers	+ \$1.50	14 %	\$200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000 \$10,000	\$7,321	31.3.29	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c. 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Jan. 6, 1930
Shell T'port & Trading Co., Ltd.	95/10 nominal		5 1/2 %	\$43,000,000	10,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,354,185	\$237,604	31.12.28	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c. 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Jan. 6, 1930
Docks, Wharves & Godowns	\$144 1/2 b \$145 sa	+ \$1.00	5 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$400,000	\$300,063	31.12.28	Div. \$6 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1928	Mar. 7, 1929
H'kong & K. W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$31 1/2 nominal			\$10,000,000	200,000	\$50	\$50	\$3,000,000	\$121,381	31.12.28	Final div. of \$2 making \$4 for 1924	Mar. 31, 1925
H'kong Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 106 nominal	- T. 1.50	7 %	Tls. 2,785,000	55,700	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,350,000 Tls. 850,000 Tls. 600,000 Tls. 745,912 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 185,762	30.4.29	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for the year ending 30.4.29	July 27, 1929.
New Engineering & Shipb'ldg Wks. Ltd.	Tls. 7 1/2 nominal Tls. 4.75 buyers	+ T. 0.50	5 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000	500,000	Tls. 5	Tls. 5	Tls. 688,983 Tls. 120,418 Tls. 450,000 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 875,000	Tls. 54,270	31.12.28	Tl. 0.40 for 1928 Div. 8% on Preference shares	Mar. 15, 1929
S'hai & H'kew Wharf Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100 nominal		5 %	Tls. 4,000,000	40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,350,000 Tls. 850,000 Tls. 600,000 Tls. 745,912 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 17,525	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 11 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929
Lands, Hotels & Buildings	\$12.55 buyers \$12 1/2/55 sales			\$10,000,000	1,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,518,348	\$175,510	31.12.28	Final div. of \$0.60 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 8, 1925
H'kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.	\$65 b. & sa.		6 1/2 %	\$6,000,000	240,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000,000 \$250,000 \$50,000 \$50,000 \$450,000 \$60,000 \$2,084,018 Tls. 500,000	\$986,978	31.12.28	Final div. \$2 making \$4 for 1929	Pending
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$14 b. \$14.20 sa.	+ \$0.30	7 %	\$1,500,000	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$50,000 \$450,000 \$60,000 \$2,084,018 Tls. 500,000	\$68,728	31.12.28	Div. 30 cents and bonus 20 cents making \$1 for 1928	Feb. 8, 1929
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 172 buyers		5 1/2 %	Tls. 7,020,000	140,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 2,084,018 Tls. 500,000	Tls. 602,303	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 9 Interim of Tls. 3 a/c. 1929	July 31, 1929
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.	\$8.90 sellers	+ \$0.10	6 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	\$11,057	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 60 cents Interim of 30 cents a/c. 1929.	Aug. 12, 1929.
Cotton Mills												
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 15.60 buyers Tls. 15.60/75 sa. Tls. 107 nominal	+ T. 0.25	3 %	Tls. 5,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000	150,000 10,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 2,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 500,000 Tls. 204,750 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 480,000 Tls. 800,000 Tls. 250,000 Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 4,950	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 0.80 Interim div. of T. 0.40 a/c. 1929	Aug. 23, 1929
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	(Old) Tls. 83 b. (New) Tls. 54 n.		6 1/2 % 4 %	Tls. 4,000,000 Tls. 2,000,000	80,000 40,000	Tls. 50 Tls. 50	Tls. 50 Tls. 25	Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 480,000 Tls. 800,000 Tls. 250,000 Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 228,325	31.10.29	Div. of Tls. 2 1/2 for Old, Tls. 1 1/2 for New for half year ending 31.10.29 Final call of Tls. 25 on new shares payable 29 Jan., 1930	Nov. 25, 1929
Zoong Sing Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 10 nominal		6 %	Tls. 2,000,000	200,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 10,304	30.6.29	Tl. 0.50 for year ending 30 June, 1929	Oct. 11, 1929
Miscellaneous												
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$19.80 s \$19.85 sa		3 %	\$4,000,000	800,000	\$5	all	\$55,710	\$77,965	30.9.29	Final 46 cts. making 70 cts. for year ending 30.9.29	Dec. 23, 1929.
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$5 1/2 b. \$5.45 s.			\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	all	\$585,603	\$69,040	31.12.28	Fin. div. of 80 cts. on Old, 77 cts. on Bonus and 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 27, 1925
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.	\$20 1/2 sellers	+ \$0.50	6 %	\$1,500,000	200,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$50,000 \$450,000 \$60,000 \$2,084,018 Tls. 500,000	\$25,286	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 for 1928	Mar. 4, 1929
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Comb.)	\$15 b. & sa. s \$15 1/2 sellers			\$3,000,000 \$3,000,000	400,000 400,000	\$7 1/2 \$7 1/2	\$7 1/2 \$1	\$400,000 \$500,000	\$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.66 cts. on New shares for 1928	Mar. 17, 1928
H'kong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$71 1/2 s. \$71 sa.	- \$0.25	5 %	\$6,000,000	600,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,800,000	\$97,181	31.12.28	Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.25 New shares for year ended 31.12.28 Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old 85 cts. on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Mar. 22, 1929
Hong Kong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$7.60 buyers			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	\$101,726	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$1.40 Interim of 50 cents a/c. 1929	Feb. 28, 1925
Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.	\$18.70 b. \$18.80 s.		7 1/2 %	\$3,250,000	650,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000	\$245,740	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$1.40 Interim of 50 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 27, 1929
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$11 1/2 nominal			\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000 \$25,958	\$13,615	30.4.29	10% for year ended 30.4.29	June 7, 1929
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.	\$23 1/2 nominal		6 1/2 %	\$350,000	50,000	\$7	\$7	\$7,732 \$71,969 \$64,426	\$6,231	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c. 1928	Jan. 31, 1929
Watson (A. S.) & Co., Ltd.	\$11.20 buyers	+ \$0.10	7 %	\$1,200,000	120,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000	\$62,044	31.10.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ended 31.10.28	Mar. 28, 1929
William Powell, Limited	\$2 1/2 nominal		10 %	\$84,000	42,000	\$2	\$2	\$10,000 \$5,200	\$2,229	29.2.29	Dividend 25 cents for 29.2.29	June 10, 1929
Lane, Crawford, Ltd.	\$22.20 buyers			\$900,000	150,000	\$6	\$6	\$20,000 \$6,142	\$2,229	28.2.29	Div. 30 cts. for year ending 28.2.29	April 24, 1926
H.K. & C'ton Ice Manu. Co., Ltd.	\$2 1/2 nominal			\$200,000	40,000	\$5	\$5	\$10,000 \$6,142	\$2,229	31.7.29	Dividend of 30 cts. for 1928	Feb. 21, 1929
H.K. Eng. & Cons. Co., Ltd.	\$11 nominal			\$1,000,000	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000 \$6,142	\$2,229	31.12.28	Dividend of 30 cts. for 1928	Feb. 21, 1929
China General Omnibus Co., Ltd.	Tls. 15 1/2 buyers			Tls. 1,000,000	100,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 176,011 Tls. 15,938	Dr. \$44,115 Dr. \$20,360	31.12.28	Dividend of 6% for 1928 Deferred \$1 1/2 on Preference shares	July 24, 1929
Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.	\$28 buyers		14 %	\$200,000	20,000	\$10	\$10	\$170,044 \$175,000 \$208,040	\$2,539	30.9.28	Div. for 1928, 8% Interim of 4% a/c. 1929	Sept. 18, 1929
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd.	\$9.55 buyers			\$5,000,000	500,000	\$10	\$10	\$16,404	\$2,539	30.9.28	5% on Preference shares subject to Income Tax	Feb. 4, 1929
Singapore Traction Co., Ltd. (Ord.)	10/- nominal			\$400,000	40,000	\$10	\$10	\$16,404	\$2,539	30.9.28	\$4 for year ending 28.2.29	June 5, 1929
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Depreciation Fund	Reserve for Renewals Account	3) 250,000 shares issued.	19) 100,000 shares unissued.	28) 10,422 shares unissued.
Reserve for Depreciation Fund	Share Reserve Fund	4) 500 shares unissued.	20) 200,000 shares issued.	29) 140,000 shares fully paid.
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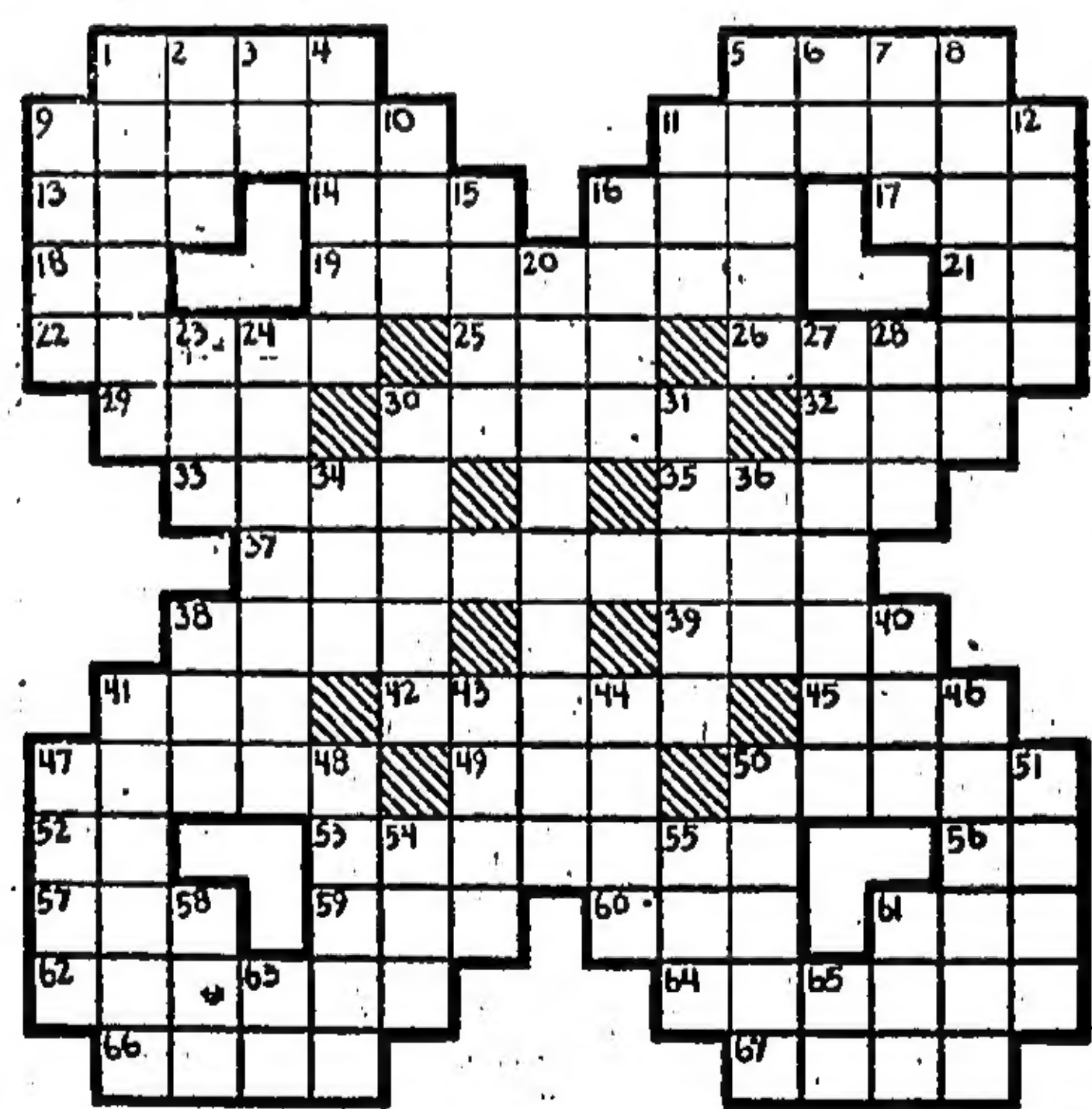
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
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spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Develop
- 2-Arrange
- 3-A brave person
- 4-Sign
- 5-Very warm
- 6-Look at
- 7-Vocal sound made in contempt
- 8-Hair's name
- 9-Prefix. Well
- 10-American authors
- 11-Ahead
- 12-To put on
- 13-Sick
- 14-Last part of an ancient lyric ode
- 15-To plead (slang)
- 16-A variety of fishing line
- 17-Exile
- 18-Blow with open hand
- 19-A sea-weed
- 20-Cholera
- 21-Salad
- 22-A variety of chess
- 23-Talk nonsense (slang)
- 24-Tumble
- 25-To avoid continuingly
- 26-Children (contemptuous)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 27-One (Scott)
- 28-Essential oil of roses
- 29-N. Central State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 30-Wife of David (abbr.)
- 31-State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 32-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 33-Brownish color
- 34-Roman number
- 35-Endure
- 36-Sea west of Greece
- 37-Observed
- 38-Have a mind to

VERTICAL

- 1-To establish
- 2-Decay
- 3-King of Babylon
- 4-Squander
- 5-Ecclesiastical vessel
- 6-Each (abbr.)
- 7-Prefix. Three
- 8-Proceeded with long steps
- 9-Precious
- 10-National Education Association (abbr.)
- 11-The sun

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 12-Mentally sound
- 13-Ireland (post)
- 14-To rear, as a deer
- 15-Blanching
- 16-Prefix. Asunder
- 17-Most unlight
- 18-Imposing parade
- 19-Girl's name
- 20-Petty disputes
- 21-To classify
- 22-Southern constellation
- 23-Doctor's degree (abbr.)
- 24-Sit
- 25-Be tangled
- 26-Confers
- 27-Paroxysm
- 28-Lark
- 29-The great Indian crocodile
- 30-Centimetre for meat
- 31-A silk fabric
- 32-Station
- 33-Shower
- 34-Intarlet
- 35-Roman number
- 36-Rather than
- 37-A small town (abbr.)
- 38-Of age (Latin-abbrev.)
- 39-A metal (abbr.)

STORIES OF WAR AND PEACE

["Lord D'Abernon's Diary," an Ambassador of Peace, Volume II—The Years of Crisis (with Portraits), Hodder & Stoughton, 21/- net.]

Volume II of Lord D'Abernon's Diary continues the story of post-war negotiations between the Allies and Germany, but the character of these negotiations altered with the change of years. Instead of a sterile discussion, mainly on figures, the period now described—the close of 1922 and the whole of 1923—is marked by dramatic action.

Veiled though they were by political reserve and diplomatic finesse, there existed an acute divergence of aims, a bitter conflict of wills.

The issue was not whether the German Treasury should pay a million marks more or less: it was whether Germany as a political power should continue to exist as a leading force in the European conclave.

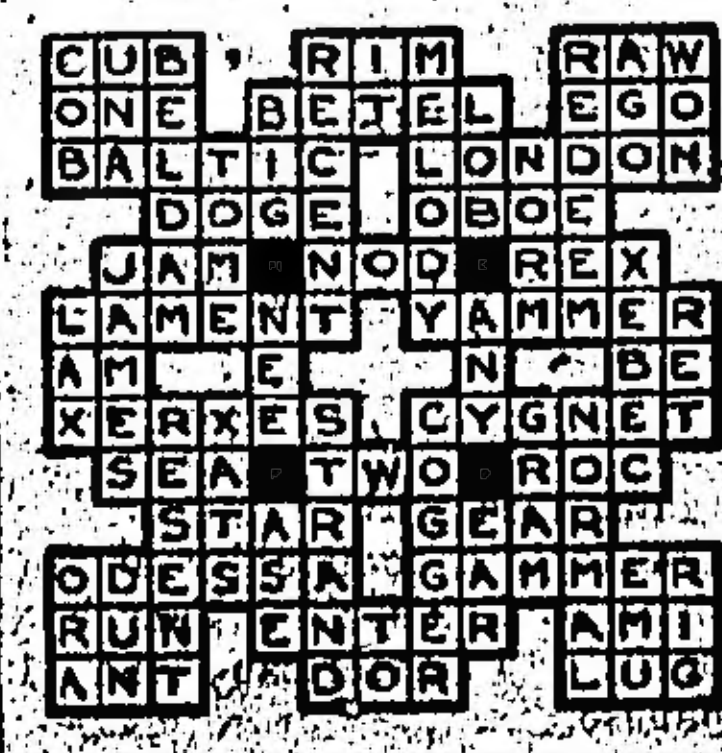
Few of those not in the inner councils of diplomacy and statesmanship fully grasped at the time the danger of the crisis which Europe traversed in 1923. Few are aware of it to-day. Readers of Lord D'Abernon's Diary will realise that if the French occupation of the Ruhr, which was carried through in January, 1923, had met with the tranquil success anticipated by its authors, Germany would have been deprived of her richest province—the source of the greater portion of her industrial strength. Economically, militarily and politically, she would have sunk to a subordinate position in the second rank.

The consequences did not stop there. So severe an amputation as the Ruhr could not have been endured by the Reich without subversive political reaction. Disruption would have occurred; provinces would have broken away; only the most violent political parties would have been listened to—sober statesmanship would have had no popular support.

The position of Europe would have been similar to that which resulted from the Peace of Tilsit in 1807. Indeed, the danger of subservience to military power from which Britain had saved Europe on four historical occasions—in the days of Philip of Spain; of Louis XIV.; of Napoleon, and of the Emperor William—might have become an accomplished fact. Britain had opposed the occupation of the Ruhr from the beginning, and had refused to be associated with it, not only on legal grounds, but from an instinctive distrust of so violent a policy and of its possible consequences and developments.

Lord D'Abernon's Diary reveals the true situation in 1923, and records the bitter struggle which ensued. On the one side, a determination so to weaken Germany as to render her innocuous for all time, even at the risk of political convulsion menacing the whole structure of Europe; on the other side, a firm, pacific will, bent on restoring harmony between enemies, resolute on the appeasement of animosities, and directed to the restoration of reciprocal security. The conflict was prolonged for month after month. No final result was achieved during 1923, but by the close of that year the darkest moment was passed. Volume III will record the years of recovery. Apart from the record of the Diary, Lord D'Abernon has added new sketches of political celebrities with whom he has been in contact or in controversy. Notable among these are pages on Asquith, Winston Churchill, and Poincaré, not less brilliant and revealing than those on Lloyd George, Curzon, and Balfour. The Preface contains an analysis of the character of the French nation—a penetrating study of their strong and weak points, based upon intimate knowledge and long experience. Written with friendly appreciation, this forms a brilliant counterpart to the description of the German nation, which was so notable a feature in Volume I.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



BIRKENHEAD'S SPEECHES

["The Speeches of Lord Birkenhead," with a Preface by the Rt. Hon. Lord Hugh Cecil, P.C., M.P., Cassell & Co., Ltd., 12/6d.]

Whether as lawyer or statesman the Earl of Birkenhead has proved himself one of the greatest orators of modern times.

This volume shows many facets of Lord Birkenhead's genius; as a lawyer his observations in the House of Lords on Divorce Law Reform; as a practical politician, his speeches on Votes for Women, and Reform of the House of Lords; as a statesman, his views on Idealism in International Politics; as a man of letters, his addresses on Sir Walter Scott, and Gray's Inn. These and many other speeches only serve to emphasise the fact that this great lawyer "touched nothing that he did not adorn."

The speeches and addresses now published are selected from those delivered throughout Lord Birkenhead's public career. In many of them the points at issue then are points at issue now, and the ex-Lord Chancellor's keen acumen and potent logic will do much to give the reader a clearer view of vital matters of the day. But in addition to all this the present volume will be a source of sheer delight to the many thousands who love clarity of thought and simplicity of language, who appreciate, in short, good English.

LORD FISHER

["Lord Fisher," by Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon, K.C.B., D.S.O., K.C.V.O., (two Volumes, with Illustrations), Hodder and Stoughton, 22 2/- net.]

There is little doubt that history will record Lord Fisher as being the most remarkable Briton that the first two decades of this century have seen. His was a phenomenally successful sailor; wherever he served, on that part of the globe, for the moment, was the attention of the Navy riveted. As an Admiral in command of the Mediterranean Fleet he earned the golden opinion of all officers serving under him.

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The whole of the Navy at the time of Jutland was practically his creation. He was bitterly assailed by Lord Charles Beresford and other malcontents; and, although deserted by the politicians of the day, came out in the end victorious. Queen Victoria had a great regard for him; he might without great exaggeration be called a personal friend of King Edward.

He was recalled in November, 1914, to repair the mistakes made by the Admiralty during the first few months of the War, and immediately planned, and sent, the large cruisers to annihilate Admiral Von Spee's squadron at the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

Differing with Mr. Churchill on the subject of reinforcements being sent to the Dardanelles at the expense of our forces in the North Sea, he resigned; and afterwards he became an impatient spectator of what he considered to be the apathetic way in which our war at sea was conducted.

His stormy life sheds a lurid light on the pusillanimous actions of our Government in peace time, and the inefficiency with which the War Council conducted the business of the War during the early months of hostilities. He possessed a wonderful personality, was a most forcible and entertaining writer, as the letters published in the book show.

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EARL HAIG

["Field-Marshal Earl Haig," by Brigadier-General John Charteris, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Cassell & Co., Ltd., 25/- net.]

In this biography, which is the work of a distinguished soldier who was more closely associated with the British Commander-in-Chief throughout the last ten years of his service with the troops than perhaps any other officer, the claim is advanced and substantiated that Field-Marshal Earl Haig was one of the greatest leaders that our country has ever produced.

The book traces the life of the famous soldier from childhood, through his rather late entry into the Army, service in India, Egypt and South Africa, at home, through the four desperate years of Armageddon, and the final years of his life that were devoted to the service of the men whom he had led to victory.

New light is thrown upon the secret history of the great struggle against the Central Powers, and much discussion will result from the new aspects now revealed of men and affairs.

The statement is made, and supported by a weight of evidence, that on more than one occasion the strategy of the Commanders-in-Chief of the Allies was hampered by the interference of statesmen lacking expert knowledge of war in both France and Britain, and even subjected at times, with almost fatal results, to the exigencies of the political situation of the hour. It is claimed that much British blood was unnecessarily squandered as a consequence of such intervention by civilians in purely military matters.

Not less important is the new aspect presented of the circumstances which led to the unification of command in the last year of the War; and the results that sprang from it are here placed in their proper perspective for the first time. It will be news to some readers that the final battles that achieved victory were undertaken on Haig's initiative alone, and that he was almost the only one of the allied leaders who anticipated success.

This is but one of the new aspects presented in this book of a distinguished Captain in War. Not less interesting are the pictures presented of his private life and character.

Haig the man will be found here drawn by one who knew him well, and the biography does justice not only to his merits as a great soldier, but those he possessed as a great gentleman and sincere Christian.

ROTHERMERE'S ESSAYS

["Lord Rothermere's Essays," Cassell & Co., Ltd., 3/6d. net.]

This book contains Lord Rothermere's opinions on matters of national importance and the actions of leading statesmen at home and abroad.

It is controversial, provocative, decided and well-reasoned.

The opinions of so good a judge of domestic and foreign affairs as the author, would, in themselves, be worthy of attention, but in addition many of the forecasts contained in this book have already been justified by events that have happened since they were made; so greater interest attaches to those other prophecies scattered through this book that have yet to be justified.

Such matters of international importance as the portent of Mussolini's rise to power in Italy, the impossible position brought about in Hungary by the operation of the Treaty of Versailles, the statesmanship of Poincaré in stabilising the franc, are treated as fully and with the same inside knowledge as matters of a more domestic nature, for example, an estimate of Mr. Lloyd George's talents, thoughts on Free Trade, candid advice to the Prime Minister; and in all his criticism and exposition the author is clear, fair, and uncompromising in his opinions.

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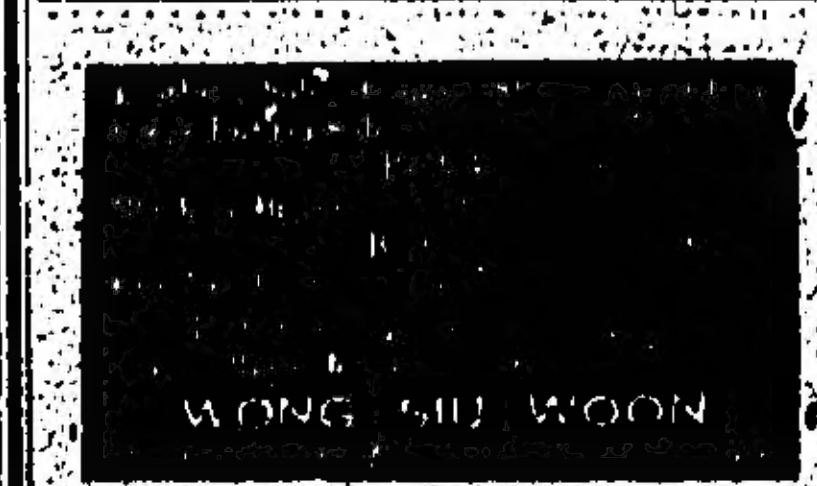
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INWARD MAILS

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Java	SATURDAY, JANUARY 18.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tjisaroen
Shanghai and Amoy	Nanchang
Amoy	SUNDAY, JANUARY 19.
Straits	Tjibadak
Shanghai	Takada
Sandakan	Haruna Maru
Manila	Ouderkerk
Japan and Shanghai	Daviken
Japan	President Taft
Japan and Shanghai	Tenyo Maru
Japan	Montevideo Maru
Japan and Shanghai	Antenor

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
Fort Bayard	SATURDAY, JANUARY 18.
Straits and Calcutta	Wing Lee
Saigon	Borneo Maru
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Helikon
Manila	Kong Ning
Amoy	President McKinley
Shanghai	Shirala
	Glengarry
	Registration Jan. 18, 5 p.m.
	Letters Jan. 18, 6 p.m.
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 19.
Formosa via Swatow and Amoy	Canton Maru
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	Hai Ning
	MONDAY, JANUARY 20.
Manila	Ouderkerk
Shanghai	Haruna Maru
Swatow	Hydrangea
Straits	Antiochus
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Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victo- ria, B.C.	President Taft (Due Victoria, B.C., Feb. 7.) Parcels Jan. 20, 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
*Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Taft Registration Jan. 20, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m. Amoy 3.30 p.m. Sinkiang 5 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	
Swatow	TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.
Manila	Tjibadak 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Takada Parcels Jan. 21, 11.30 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m.

EGYPT'S WEALTHY DRUG FIENDS

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EUROPEAN FACTORIES

Cairo, Yesterday.
On the eve of his departure to attend the opium conference at Geneva, Russel Pasha issued a report stating that it is not improbable that there are 600,000 drug addicts in Egypt, who are spending roughly £13,500,000 annually on drugs. He asserts that a Swiss firm in 1928 manufactured 3,340 kilos of heroin, which is two and a half times the world's legitimate requirements. The report adds that this is only one of several similar factories in Central Europe.—Reuter.

MURDER TRIAL

Echo of Textile Strike
Disturbances

Gastonia, Yesterday.
The trial of five men charged with the alleged second degree murder of Mrs. Ella May Wiggins in September, 1929 (the woman who was in a lorry load of strikers), has been removed to Charlotte, North Carolina on the application of the prosecution.—Reuter's American Service.

[Mrs. Wiggins was killed by a bullet fired at a lorry load of strikers proceeding to a trade union demonstration, in connection with the textile industry strike at North Carolina in September.]

COST OF LIVING

Said To Be Cheaper in
Britain

Rugby, Yesterday.
A slight fall in the cost of living is recorded in the monthly return of the Ministry of Labour, which states that on January 1, the average level of commodities was approximately sixty-six per cent. above that of July 1914. The corresponding figure for one month ago and one year ago was sixty-seven per cent.—British Wireless Service.

H.K. BANISHEES

Canton to Give Them
Asylum

Canton, Yesterday.
Having regard to the deplorable condition of the destitute banished from Hong Kong, the officers in charge of the Asylum for the Poor are now giving them aid, on condition they have been jobless in Hong Kong before being admitted.—Canton News Agency.

U.S. FINANCE

Review by National City
Bank President

BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Following up the report of the results of the National City Bank of New York for the year ended December 31, 1929, comes the report of the speech by Mr. Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at the annual meeting of the Bank held in New York on January 14:—
"The National City Bank of New York showed net earnings last year after reserves for taxes, pensions, death benefits and management funds of U.S. \$25,587,841, according to Chairman Charles E. Mitchell, who addressed the shareholders of the institution at the annual meeting. The meeting resulted in the re-election of Directors for the ensuing year."
"Out of these profits was applied according to our fixed rule, Mr. Mitchell explained, a contingency reserve of U.S. \$18,510,000 were paid, and after year-end adjustment a balance of U.S. \$9,406,327 was carried to undivided profits as against U.S. \$5,817,659 similarly carried to undivided profits at the previous year-end."

"Mr. Mitchell noted an increase in the number of shareholders to 82,668 at the end of last year from 18,402 a year ago, this wider distribution being largely the result of the reduction of the par value of the stock from U.S. \$100 to U.S. \$20 per share effective last February 15."

"Discussing general conditions, Mr. Mitchell said with the lessening demand for credit in stock market, interest rates have fallen to normal figures, and considerable sums of foreign capital which had been employed here either in the form of loans or investments have been withdrawn. This return flow tends to restore international equilibrium, which had been disturbed by our importations of gold in preceding months of the year, and to produce more normal credit conditions the world over. Fall of prices on New York Stock Exchanges has been accompanied by similar movements on the Stock Exchanges of Europe, and the aggregate effect is a substantial lowering of interest rates in all money markets."

"Industrial production in the first half of the year was at a rate never before equalled, and notwithstanding the slackening in the last half the year's total probably has not been equalled in our history. The country has also made a new high record in foreign trade in past year. With allowance for decline of prices from post war peak the aggregate figures are greater than in any previous year. "All in all this past year has been a record year, with difficulties to be sure, of the dangers that menaced it from its very start. The correctives have caused the New Year to begin with somewhat diminished business activity, but the business organisation is not incapacitated in any respect nor is the physical wealth of the country impaired. Quite generally industry and trade are more adequately financed than at any time in the past. No serious disturbance of commodity prices has occurred. The decline of interest rate is favourable to enterprise, and the amount of construction work planned for is greater than usual. A general feeling of confidence exists throughout the country. In view of these conditions, it does not appear probable that business will remain below the normal stage of activity for any protracted period."

MASS POISONING TRIALS OPEN

RENOWNED VILLAGE BEAUTIES
FACE MURDER CHARGES

GOULISH CRIMES

Budapest, Yesterday.
The mass poisoning trials have been resumed at Szolnok, where two prosperous, middle aged matrons, once renowned village beauties, were brought up. One, Madame Foldvari, vehemently denied the charges of murdering her mother, husband, and sweetheart. The other accused, Madame Michael Kardos, denied that she gave Foldvari's husband poisoned wine on the occasion of Foldvari's paying a joint call. Madame Kardos also denied poisoning her own child from her first marriage, and declared that the latter was poisoned by a disreputable midwife who committed suicide.—Reuter.

COTTON TRADE

Organisations Agree to
Amalgamate

London, Yesterday.
The Lancashire cotton trade, is the first staple industry to take steps to profit from Mr. J. H. Thomas's financial assurances. The executive joint committee of cotton trade organisations in Manchester has lengthily considered the ways and means to formulate practical schemes, and has decided to encourage the principle of amalgamation. Various sections in the industry will make a definite announcement on the proceeding in the iron and steel industry, with a view to the considerable extension of the movement towards amalgamation and reorganisation.—Reuter.

SEVEN-HOUR DAY

Coal Mines Proposal
Rejected

Geneva, Yesterday.
The preparatory technical conference on the conditions of work in the coal mines rejected by 18 votes to 11 the British proposal for a seven and a half hour day, the minority consisting of nine workers delegates and the British and Dutch Governments' delegates.—Reuter.

ADVICE TO U.S.A.

Warned That It Is Still
Adolescent

Philadelphia, Yesterday.
General Smuts who is leaving for England to-day has given Americans some valuable parting advice.
Admitting that America is a young country, possessing amazing World Power he warned the country that it is still in a state of adolescence, and adolescents had a tendency to employ power mischievously. General Smuts believed that the country would gain in wisdom and it had already shown itself liberal minded.

"Greatness of strength in a nation," General Smuts declared, "only excites envy, and malice in other nations unless it is mellowed by kindness made gracious by benevolence."
General Smuts closed with a plea for America to accept its responsibilities as one of the World Powers.—Reuter.

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